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**Wall Street stocks higher in afternoon**

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## Narrow escape for El Al passengers; bomb found at check-in

By JERRY LEWIS  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent and agencies

LONDON. — The 400 passengers and crew of a Tel Aviv-bound El Al jet narrowly escaped a mid-flight explosion when an alert airline security officer at Heathrow Airport's boarding area spotted a bomb concealed in a passenger's luggage.

Police arrested the Irish woman who was carrying the luggage, and are searching for a 35-year-old Arab man who she claims gave it to her. She said that she was unaware that the case contained explosives.

George Churchill-Coleman, commander of Britain's anti-terrorist squad, described the five kilogram bomb as highly effective and said it would probably have killed the 400 people on flight LY016 to Tel Aviv.



Armed police yesterday among crowds at Heathrow Airport's Terminal One, following the arrest of a woman about to board an El Al plane to Tel Aviv carrying a bag packed with explosives.

## Libya planning vicious terror against U.S., UK

By YEHUDA LITANI  
Post Middle East Editor and Post European Correspondent

Libya is planning an all-out indiscriminate terror campaign against British and American targets in Europe and the Middle East, highly reliable sources watching developments in Libya said yesterday.

The sources warned that the U.S.-Libya confrontation could escalate into a full-scale war.

The primary target of the Libyan attack, according to the sources, appears to be England, which was the jumping-off point for 18 F111 American planes that took part in Tuesday's aerial attack on Libya. "The British are now fair game," one source said.

A number of British embassies in the Middle East have been virtually evacuated in the last 48 hours, and are operating on skeleton staffs. Others have been put on the highest alert, the sources said.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said yesterday that up to 500 non-essential diplomatic personnel

would be evacuated from Sudan, where a U.S. Embassy employee was shot and seriously wounded on Wednesday.

American and British officials in Europe have requested increased security at hundreds of possible targets belonging to the two nations.

U.S. reports of a revolt against Gaddafi are groundless, sources told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. All indications are that Gaddafi is "alive and well," they added.

The Libyan Army appears to be firmly behind Gaddafi. Opposition groups have only marginal influence, the sources said.

Adding to the tension engendered by the threat of an escalation in international terrorism were reports that dozens of well-known terrorists from South America and Europe had set up bases in the Beirut area. The reports were carried in the Lebanese paper *Al-Balrak*. The presence of the terrorists has reminded observers of the situation in Beirut before Israel invaded Lebanon in 1982.

British embassies and offices throughout Europe are under heavy

guard following a large number of threats by Libyan-inspired terrorists to add British installations to their list of targets.

Over 1,000 policemen protected Prince Charles and Princess Diana during their three-day visit to the Austrian capital, which ended on Wednesday. Austrian security forces have been tipped off about a possible major terrorist attack in Vienna in the coming days.

In Brussels, security has been noticeably stepped up at the British and American embassies as well as at NATO headquarters.

In London, official sources said that numerous terrorist threats had been received at British embassies throughout the world, and there had been a corresponding increase in security measures.

Security has also been tightened at European airports, especially with regard to American and British airlines.

As part of the stepped-up security measures the State Department yesterday temporarily closed the U.S. embassy in the Nigerian capital of Lagos.

## 100 killed or injured by bombs in Syria

Post Middle East Staff

Several bombs exploded in various parts of Syria on Wednesday, killing or wounding about 100 people, Lebanese radio stations reported yesterday.

Most of the bombs went off on buses carrying soldiers in Damascus, Homs, the port city of Tartus near the Lebanese border, and on the Tartus-Latakia highway. According to well-informed sources, there were dozens of casualties in the Tartus blast and dozens in the Damascus

explosion. It is not known who was behind the bombings, but the sources suggested that Fatah, the Moslem Brotherhood or Iraq might have been responsible.

The bombings appeared aimed at casting a pall over yesterday's 40th anniversary of the end of the French mandate over Syria. Since mid-March, three other bomb blasts have been reported, all in Damascus.

Damascus Radio did not mention the bombings.

## Security forces mass on Golan to prevent pro-Syria rallies

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MAJDAL SHAMS. — Border Police and security forces virtually took over four Druse villages on the Golan Heights yesterday, the 40th anniversary of Syria's independence, in order to prevent rallies and demonstrations.

The roads to Majdal Shams, Masada, Bukata and Ein Dim'a were blocked, and there were heavy concentrations of security forces in the villages themselves. Over 700 police and security officials took part in the operation.

Busloads of sympathizers from the administered territories were turned back before they could reach the Druse villages.

In the village of Julis, Minister without Portfolio Ezer Weizman, meeting with Golan Druse opposed to marking Syria's independence day, said: "Israel will not agree to the day with demonstrations." He said it was incumbent on Golan residents to

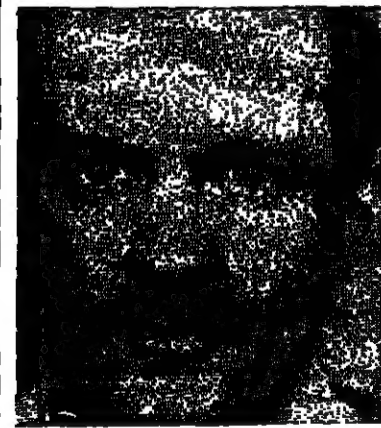
obey Israeli law, which now applies in the area.

The day passed relatively quietly, though three persons were arrested in Ein Kimiya for allegedly taking part in an illegal procession. In Masada, marchers in a procession to the local prayer house shouted anti-Israel slogans. They were filmed by security forces and arrests are expected.

Majdal Shams villagers climbed on rooftops and voiced support for villagers on the Syrian side of the border. The Syrian demonstrators were led by Kassem Amasha, who praised the stand of the Golan Druse and promised: "We'll free you from the Zionist invaders. We'll fight them and defeat them as we did the French."



File pictures of the three Britons found murdered in Lebanon yesterday: Leigh Douglas (top), Alec Collet (above) and Philip Padfield (below).



## U.S. says murders in Lebanon bear Abu Nidal's mark

### 3 Britons die in revenge killing

Jerusalem Post Correspondent and agencies

The threatened wave of terrorism against U.S. and British targets following the U.S. raid on Libya appeared to have begun yesterday with the murders of three British kidnap victims and the abduction of a British newsman in Lebanon.

The White House swiftly reacted by saying the Beirut action "bears the mark" of Abu Nidal, the noto-

rious Palestinian terrorist leader affiliated with both Libya and Syria. Spokesman Larry Speakes conceded that the U.S. was not certain about the identity of those responsible for the Beirut murders, but said that the methods used indicated that Abu Nidal could have been responsible.

The deputy White House spokesman said Abu Nidal had moved most of his operations to Libya but the U.S. believes "he still has access to

Syria." On the night of the U.S. attack, U.S. embassies and bases around the world were placed on full alert. After yesterday's murders in Beirut, British bases in Cyprus were prepared for a possible evacuation of Britons from Beirut.

Gunmen attacked the British ambassador's residence in West Beirut yesterday, but no one was

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## Reagan: Terror must be dealt with by all

By WOLF BLITZER  
in Washington and Agencies

President Reagan told reporters in Washington yesterday that the latest wave of terrorism was a tragedy. "But I think it's another example of the fact that terrorism is something that we have to deal with once and for all — all of us together," Reagan said.

Despite the terror attacks and attempted attacks in Beirut, Khartoum, Tunis and London, White House spokesman Larry Speakes and other U.S. officials again strongly defended the U.S. decision to bomb Libya earlier in the week.

Speakes recalled that 938 persons were killed worldwide last year in various terrorist incidents. "This is an outrageous number of people that were killed by terrorist activities, many of them attributed to Libya and Gaddafi," he said.

Speakes said the U.S. now believed that Libya was also responsible for the attempted assassination of a U.S. Embassy employee in Khartoum this week.

"We are prepared for an increase in terrorism," Speakes said. "That is why we have issued the alerts. We are not certain it will happen but it is a possibility."

On the night of the U.S. attack,

American embassies and bases around the world were put on full alert.

Speakes said the administration was not prepared to describe the latest incidents as fitting some sort of overall pattern. But he noted that "many of these acts were planned and the people put in place to conduct them prior to our attack and that was one of the reasons for our attack."

The White House spokesman confirmed reports of "military unrest" in Libya. "Of course this exists," he said. "We do not know how widespread it is. We cannot draw any

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## Bejski bankshare report likely Monday

By PINHAS LANDAU  
Post Finance Reporter

The report of the Bejski commission of inquiry into the October, 1983 collapse of the bank shares is likely to appear on Monday, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned from reliable sources.

Rumors of the report's imminent publication swept the financial community in Tel Aviv yesterday, causing share prices to slump on the stock exchange. (Stock Market — page 21)

Sources close to the commission would not confirm that publication was imminent. According to these sources, it is possible that the report will not be issued before the first or second week of May.

Publication next week would be inconvenient for a number of bodies involved. The Knesset is currently in recess, and the report must be formally presented by commission chairman Justice Moshe Bejski to the chairman of the Knesset Control Committee, since that body appointed the commission in January 1985.

Bank Hapoalim, whose results for 1985 are due to be announced at a press conference at noon on Monday, would be inconvenienced if this event were overshadowed by the report. Bank Discount is due to issue its 1985 figures one week later, and would also be upstaged by the report's publication.

## Waldheim concedes he knew of atrocities

By ILONA HENRY  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent and agencies

Kurt Waldheim conceded in an interview published yesterday in *The New York Times* that while serving in the German army in World War II he was aware of Nazi atrocities committed against Yugoslav partisans. But he insisted that he was not involved in the killings and that he did not know about the deportations of Greek and Austrian Jews.

*The Times* quoted Waldheim as saying that, as a lieutenant preparing battlefield reports in the Balkans, he was aware of atrocities by German troops and executions of Yugoslav partisans taken hostage.

"I knew that. But I also knew that many German soldiers were trapped and executed in a similar way," he said. "It was a nasty, dirty confrontation, although I was far away from these atrocities."

"I have a clean conscience."

## No first prize awarded in Rubenstein competition

The Arthur Rubinstein Piano Competition ended last night with the judges deciding that none of the contestants merited the first prize. But Thomas Duis, of West Germany, was awarded second prize.

Duis and fellow contenders Angela Cheng, of Canada, and Matthias Fletzberger, of Austria, performed last night with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Jan Krenz.

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**SOCIAL & PERSONAL**

The 15th annual Gerhard Schmidt Memorial Lecture was given yesterday at the Weizmann Institute of Science by Prof. Jeremy P. Knowles of Harvard University. Prof. Knowles spoke on the evolution of enzyme function. Before the lecture, the Schmidt Prize for Chemistry was awarded to Dr. Pessia Sharon.

Amos Arbel of Israel Television will be the guest speaker at a joint meeting of the Haifa Maritime and Engineers' Clubs, in Engineers' House, at 1 p.m. today. Table reservations by phone, (04) 538268.

**\$750,000 diamond heist at Ramat Gan works**

TEL AVIV. - Three armed masked men last night held up the foreman and another employee at a diamond polishing plant in Rehovot, Ramat Gan and made off with \$750,000 worth of stones.

The two diamond workers had stayed behind in the plant to count and weigh the stones prior to depositing them in a safe.

**HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS**

**Overstaying of visas alleged 47 Black Hebrews held with view to deportation**

Jerusalem Post Reporter and Ilim

REHOVOT. - Over 200 policemen swept down on a group of sleeping Black Hebrews here late Wednesday night and arrested 47 of them, with the intention of deporting them.

The men and women in the group had come from the Black Hebrew communities in Dimona and Arad to work in citrus packing houses here.

The raid was conducted under the supervision of a Ministry of Interior team. The detainees will be charged with working without permits and with overstaying their original visas to visit the country.

The Black Hebrews did not offer any resistance during the police raid, and they and their children were taken to different lockups in the coastal area to await completion of the formalities for their deportation. The Jerusalem Post's Liora Moriel adds:

The Black Hebrews, a Chicago based cult of U.S. blacks, first arrived in Israel in late 1969 and claimed the right of return. They were given temporary visas, work permits and apartments in Dimona. By the time the Interior Ministry decided to bar them entry a year later, there were several hundred in the country.

Today, one-third of the local community, whose number is put at over 1,500, were born in Israel. A majority of these Black Hebrews are stateless. In 1973, fearing mass deporta-

tions, the leader of the cult, Ben-Ami Carter, ordered 78 of his adult followers to renounce their American citizenship. He is reportedly holding on to the passports of every cult member.

Also in 1973, Carter threatened that Black Hebrews would commit mass suicide if they were forced to leave the country. The threat still acts as a deterrent to their mass deportation.

During the past year leaders of the Black Hebrews' home organization in the U.S. have been involved in large-scale thefts of airline tickets, and the FBI has sent agents to Israel to investigate links with the local cult.

One of the difficulties entailed in the deportation of the group in the '70s was the U.S. Embassy's reluctance to cooperate with the Israeli authorities in issuing members of the cult with new U.S. passports and recognizing their American citizenship. It is believed that the U.S. authorities may have changed their stand on this matter lately and that there is cooperation between the two governments on a plan to repatriate Black Hebrews to the U.S.

There have been a small number of individual defections from the Dimona and Arad groups over the years. This is the first time such a large number of Black Hebrews have been rounded up in a planned raid for deportation.

**EL AL BOMB**

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of a suitcase, from the terminal and successfully defused it on the airport apron. Meanwhile, police hurriedly herded hundreds of people out of the pier three area of terminal one, where the El Al 747 was parked. Arriving flights were put into holding patterns or diverted to the airport's three other terminals. Schedules were disrupted for four-and-a-half hours.

But police did not find the woman's companion, although he had been with her until shortly before the El Al security guard made his search. The man apparently fled when he realized her luggage would be searched, police said.

As of late last night, authorities were still looking for Naima Mansur El-Hindi, whom they described as about 35 years old and 1.8 metres tall, with black curly hair, graying at the sides. His photograph was released with an appeal to the public to help find him.

Churchill-Coleman said Hindawi had been the woman's boyfriend but, he said, for the moment police are accepting her story that she had no idea what the luggage she was carrying contained. The woman told police she was going to Israel on holiday.

"She could have in all innocence boarded the aircraft. There is a very real possibility that she was duped into taking it on board," Churchill-Coleman said. "At this stage we're talking to the lady and have no intention of charging her at the moment."

Police said that although the woman was Irish, they had no reason to connect her with any Irish guerrilla group.

Churchill-Coleman declined to comment on reports that the bomb was discovered only after luggage had passed through the airport's regular security checks. But Higgins said that was apparently true.

"As far as I can ascertain," Hig-

gins said, "she [the suspect] went through the checks that are in operation at Heathrow at the present time.... It appears from the evidence that [the bomb] was discovered through the keen eye of El Al security."

Heathrow, which handles more international flights than any other airport in the world, stepped up security after terrorists attacked El Al check-in desks at Rome and Vienna airports last December. El Al flights were moved from terminal three to the more secure terminal one, and police, breaking the long-standing tradition of the unarmed British bobby, began carrying firearms in airport patrol.

El Al's London spokesman, Lee Silverman, said the airline preferred to supervise its own security. "We work extremely closely with the British police at the airport," he said. But, he added, "It's not a question of whether we trust other people's security. We feel happiest handling our own security."

Joshua Brilliant adds:

Moshe Rosenberg, of Herzliya, one of the passengers who boarded the El Al flight in London said last night, after arriving in Tel Aviv, that the security men he had questioned in London would not tell him what had aroused their suspicion about there being a bomb.

The woman apparently passed the standard electronic security checks at Heathrow and then proceeded to Gate 23, where El Al conducts its own search, specifically designed to detect people unwittingly carrying bombs given to them by terrorists as a package to deliver.

The picture that emerged in interviews with some of the 140 passengers who boarded the flight in London suggested that once Israeli suspicions were aroused, British security standing nearby were summoned. They took the woman aside for questioning.



A special Seder was held yesterday at the Na'amat children's home in Tel Aviv, Naveh Taf. Na'amat's secretary-general Mascha Lubelsky was among those at the ceremony.

**Nissim grants pay advance in public service for holidays**

Jerusalem Post Staff

Finance Minister Moshe Nissim's first act in office yesterday was to grant civil servants and civil service pensioners a NIS 400 pre-holiday advance. His second was to ask that no additions to the budget be discussed at Sunday's cabinet meeting, since he is still studying material on the subject.

Nissim conferred with his predecessor, Yitzhak Moda'i, and then held his first economic consultation with Prime Minister Peres and top economic advisers. At the meeting with Peres it was agreed that government spending would have to be kept within budget limits if the goals of continued stability and a further reduction in inflation are to be achieved.

It was also agreed that, if the government's goals are to be met, wages must not rise and proposed levies on cars and education must be enacted.

But faced with opposition in the Knesset to the two levies, the government decided to postpone the vote scheduled for yesterday in the

House on these measures.

Nissim avoided reporters yesterday. But Treasury Director-General Emmanuel Sharon told Educational Television that he expected the recovery programme to unfold as planned despite the change in ministers.

Moda'i, now justice minister, said in Herzliya yesterday that there is no reason to lower income tax rates, since they have already dropped considerably. But there is room to cut workers' National Insurance payments, he said.

He was responding in part to allegations by industrialists who, in a meeting with the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday, said that many companies may have been paying high taxes even though they have suffered serious losses.

On Sunday, the cabinet is to discuss providing support for construction projects that will cost \$1 billion. Nissim yesterday went against Moda'i's recommendation and fired Treasury spokeswoman Edna Aridor, a journalist who was brought to the job only two months ago.

**New plea to court on summer time**

The principal of a religious girls' school yesterday petitioned the High Court of Justice to order Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz to institute summer time, joining two previous groups of petitioners.

Prof. Alice Shalvi, principal of the Pelech high school in Jerusalem, and her husband Moshe said they wanted to "put an end to the attempt to present the summer time issue as a secular-religious confrontation."

The Shalvis argued that the committee Peretz had appointed to study the issue had failed to take into account the health or comfort of the public.

Peretz, meanwhile, filed a brief yesterday with the court, responding

to the petitions against him. He argued that the panel he appointed had found no proof that summer time would save energy, increase productivity, prevent road accidents, or have any influence on the comfort of pupils or the public's health. Therefore, he said, the court should not interfere with his decision not to put the clocks forward.

Education Minister Yitzhak Navon told a joint Histadrut-business delegation yesterday that he favoured summer time. But he said he would wait until after the cabinet discussion of the subject to decide whether to institute summer time in the schools. (Summer time chaos - Page 13) (Ilim)

**Kimche denies early resignation report**

By YOSHI MELMAN

The director-general of the Foreign Ministry, David Kimche, yesterday denied press reports that he intended leaving his post prior to the rotation between Prime Minister Peres and Foreign Minister Shamir scheduled for October 1986.

The Jerusalem Post and Davar reported yesterday that Kimche was

determined to resign his post and go into private business well before that date.

Kimche denied these reports. He also denied that he had asked to be appointed Israel's next ambassador to Washington, as was reported by the two papers. He said that he had told Shamir that he was not interested in that appointment.

**BRITONS KILLED**

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hurl. Ambassador John Gray was not there at the time.

The corpses of the three kidnapped Britons were found some 16 km. east of Beirut, near the main road to Damascus in the Druze-held mountains. A note claiming responsibility said: "The Arab Commando Cells are carrying out the death sentence on a CIA official and two British intelligence officers."

There was some confusion as to the identities of the dead men. But they were later identified by Irish diplomat Brian Keenan as Alec Collet, a journalist kidnapped more than a year ago, and teachers Philip Padfield and Leigh Douglas, who disappeared last month.

The British newsmen kidnapped yesterday was John McCarthy, 29, acting bureau chief of Worldwide Television News, who was seized on his way to Beirut Airport.

Another terrorist act occurred in Tunis, where a U.S.-registered car was petrol-bombed and burned near the homes of U.S. Embassy staff. No one was hurt in the attack. And two petrol bombs were thrown from a car at the barracks of U.S. Marine guards of the American embassy in Tunis. Again no one was hurt.

Egypt has offered to help evacuate foreigners from Libya and send a medical team and supplies to treat the victims of the U.S. air strikes. But Libya rejected the offer, Egypt's Middle East News Agency reported.

The offer was reported yesterday by State Minister for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali at a meeting with parliamentary committees to discuss the U.S. action.

Kuwait yesterday also offered to send medical supplies to Libya to help victims of the raid.

In Washington, officials said Muammar Gaddafi is alive but he may be wounded and may have fled

into the desert.

Gaddafi appeared on television on Wednesday night, condemning the U.S. for its attack and telling Americans, "We will not kill your children."

Secretary of State Caspar Weinberger, in Boston on a speaking tour, said reports of gunfire in Tripoli indicated "there may well be some people... who are trying to take matters into their own hands."

The head of security for U.S. embassies said in Washington yesterday that the U.S. government has been getting a dozen credible bomb threats daily at diplomatic posts since the attack was launched. Robert Lamb, assistant secretary of state for administration, said not all the threats were attributable to protests against the U.S. attacks. Terrorism is not "going to be resolved by a quick decisive action, no matter how successful," he noted.

Embassies in Tripoli yesterday warned Westerners to stay off the streets as some nervous foreigners sought to leave. Though several heavy explosions were heard in Tripoli yesterday afternoon, the Libyan capital experienced its calmest day since Tuesday's raid. Many shops raised their shutters, schools reopened and there were no road blocks around Gaddafi's barracks where there was shooting the day before.

Embassies of several countries including Belgium, Spain, Italy, Canada and Austria reported no full scale evacuation was in progress, but said contingency plans had been prepared.

Gaddafi's TV appearance brought an end to the night-time blackout, but long lines formed at bread stores as Libyans stocked up on food and other essentials. Foreign journalists yesterday were allowed to move freely in town.

**'Press attacks could bring some W. Bank violence'**

By JOEL GREENBERG

Vitriolic attacks in the Palestinian press on the U.S. bombing of Libya could lead to isolated acts of violence against Americans and U.S. targets in the West Bank, informed defence sources said yesterday.

Jewish and Arab students held a peaceful demonstration to protest against the bombing outside the U.S. consulate in West Jerusalem yesterday. Three demonstrators were arrested after an American flag was burnt.

East Jerusalem newspapers have condemned the U.S. attack in editorials. Some of the strongest condemnation has come from *Al Fajr*, which headlined its editorial yesterday "The American aggression shall not go unpunished."

An earlier article in the paper called on "Arabs and Muslims" to "wake up."

**Three arrests in matza plant fire**

By YORAM GAZIT

For the Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. - Three Arab residents of the West Bank town of Kalkilya have been arrested in connection with the fire at the Matzot Israel factory in Petah Tikva on March 25.

About 200,000 packages of matza were destroyed in the blaze, the second in six weeks at the factory. The plant is part of the country's largest matza company and is owned by the Dammberg, Wolf and Rabbina families.

**MDA blood drive**

TEL AVIV (Ilim). - Magen David Adom has scheduled a stepped-up drive to obtain blood donations in light of the seasonal decline in such donations around Passover. The drive will be held between 9 a.m. and noon on Wednesday, April 23, and on Friday, April 25, as well as Tuesday, April 29.

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**RACHEL HARON**  
née Blank  
is no longer with us.  
She passed away on Shabbat, April 12, 1986, in her 85th year.  
We mourn and will forever miss her.  
The Bereaved Family

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(formerly of Cologne)  
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Sons:  
Walter and Grace Kahn, New York  
Ernest and Lila Kahn, London

**Accord sought with Brazil on adoptions**

By TSIPPI KUPER

For The Jerusalem Post

Israel will try to establish an accord with Brazil on the adoption of Brazilian babies, in order to clear up some of the legal complications that have arisen in such cases. Labour and Social Affairs Minister Moshe Katsav said yesterday.

Katsav said Brazilian authorities, who had been contacted by the Israeli Foreign Ministry, were ready in principle to discuss the idea of an accord. He said that, in the meantime, he had instructed his ministry to help parents adopting Brazilian babies on the legal aspects of adoption.

Katsav's plan comes shortly after the arrest of a Brazilian woman, Arlette Hilo, in Israel this week on charges of forging the documents of Brazilian babies adopted by Israelis. Police suspect that some of the babies had been kidnapped in Brazil.

Yesterday, an Israeli couple suing Hilo and an attorney, Zvi Bazura, obtained an order from the Tel Aviv District Court attaching Bazura's apartment and its contents. The couple, one of two Israeli couples arrested in New York recently on charges of carrying forged passports for their adopted babies, said Bazura and Hilo had arranged the adoption for them.

The couple said Bazura, repre-

senting himself as an expert in adoptions, arranged for them to meet Hilo in Brazil. Hilo, with the help of two Hebrew speakers accompanying her, presented the couple with a baby for adoption in Brazil about a month ago, the couple told the court.

They said they paid Hilo \$7,000

for her services, and the two others another \$2,000. Afterwards, they flew to New York, where they were arrested by authorities there, who were apparently tipped off about their arrival by Brazilian authorities. The baby was taken from the couple. The couple is suing Hilo and Bazura for a total of \$40,000.

**Veteran refusenik brothers due to arrive**

By SARAH HONG

Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. - The brothers Grigori and Issai Goldstein, two of the best-known veteran refuseniks, are to arrive here this afternoon. They reached Vienna yesterday afternoon.

Just days before their scheduled departure, the Goldsteins were arrested by the KGB, whose agents gate-crashed a party given in their honour in Moscow.

In Vienna they were told that they would arrive in Israel just before the start of the Sabbath, but the Goldsteins refused to postpone their flight till Sunday, saying they did not want to spend any more time outside Israel.

Both brothers are physicists from the Georgian capital of Tbilisi. Grigori, 55, spent a year in Siberian

exile because of his Zionist activities.

The Goldsteins are close friends of refusenik Ida Nudel, who was forbidden to leave the Moldavian village to which she is confined to bid them farewell.

Grigori is unmarried. Issai, 38, is coming to Israel with his wife Elizabeth and their 13-year-old son, Avi.

Meanwhile, Yosef Begun, one of the first and best-known Hebrew teachers in Russia who is now serving a third prison term for "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda," has been moved from prison to a hospital. Begun has a heart ailment.

His wife Ina informed friends in Israel yesterday that she had been told officially that her husband had been taken to hospital, but had been unable to discover why.

**Strikes mark West Bank 'Day for prisoners'**

By JOEL GREENBERG

There were scattered demonstrations, strikes and stone-throwing incidents in the West Bank yesterday as Palestinians marked a day of fasting and solidarity with Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails.

There are over 2,000 Palestinians in Israeli prisons. The day of solidarity was first declared in 1977 after a 45-day hunger strike by Palestinian prisoners in the Ashkelon jail.

Students at a Ramallah girls' school chanted slogans and burned tires at the entrance to the school, and later threw stones at Border

Police who arrived on the scene, military sources said. The student dispersed after additional troops were called in.

About 10 schools in West Bank towns did not hold classes. At Bir Zeit University, students held a strike and a fast, and later gathered for a rally which also protested against the American bombing of Libya.

The students paraded behind a banned Palestinian flag, and hundreds chanted "From Lebanon to Libya, the Arab people must stand against America."

Sadly, we announce the passing in London of  
**BERNARD WEILL**  
deeply mourned by his wife, Violet,  
his sons, Asher and Geoffrey,  
and their families in Jerusalem, New York and London.

The unveiling of the tombstone of our beloved son and brother  
**MICHEL OVERS**  
will take place at the Shikun Vatikim Cemetery, Netanya, on Monday, April 21, 1986, at 3:30 p.m.  
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A bus will leave at 2:30 p.m. from our residence, 17 Rehov Dankner, Netanya.

The unveiling of the tombstone of  
**UZIEL H. ELLERN**  
will take place on Tuesday, April 22, 1986, at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.  
We shall meet at the gate at 4 p.m.  
The Family

The unveiling of the tombstone and a memorial service for  
**Prof. SHAMAI (Sam) DAVIDSON**  
will be held on Sunday, April 20, 1986 at 3 p.m. at the New Cemetery, Ramat Hasharon, (Marasha Junction) His wife, Jenny, and the family

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## HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

The American raid on Libya has led to divisions in the Western alliance. 'Jerusalem Post' correspondents report from European capitals on the thinking there among politicians and the public.

### Bonn anxious not to spoil ties with Libya

By WLADIMIR STRUMINSKI  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
BONN. - West Germany's establishment political parties have a common stand on Libyan terrorism, but the U.S. action against Muammar Gaddafi has highlighted the differences on relations with Washington.

The conservative Christian Democrats, the liberal Free Democrats and the Social Democrats have favoured, though somewhat reluctantly, diplomatic steps against Libya for its role in sponsoring terrorism. All have rejected economic sanctions and have said that military action is undesirable.

The Germans responded very cautiously to the bombing of the West Berlin disco, going to great lengths not to irritate Gaddafi. Chancellor Helmut Kohl (Christian Democrats) was slow to acknowledge that there was proof that Libya had masterminded the Berlin attack.

Germany is afraid both of terror against the Federal Republic and of economic damage if sanctions are imposed on Libya. West German trade with Libya has been steadily dropping, but Libya could stop repayment of debts accumulated in earlier years.

There is much less agreement on the U.S. raid, though all parties feel insulted that Washington did not consult Bonn before acting.

The Christian Democrats "deplore" the air strike, but put much of the blame on Libya. "Whoever preaches and practises violence, must know that those concerned will defend themselves," Kohl has declared. He also said that the U.S. had good reason to feel that its allies had deserted it in the fight against terrorism.

The chancellor has warned against anti-Americanism and against "talk-



Muammar Gaddafi speaking on Libyan television on Wednesday night in his first appearance since the American raid in the early hours of Tuesday. (Reuters)

ing the [Nato] alliance into a crisis" in the wake of the U.S. action.

In contrast, the Social Democrats have used the opportunity to stress their objections to what they believe are overly-close U.S.-German and U.S.-European ties.

The reactions fit a wider pattern - the Christian Democrats striving for the status of Washington's closest allies in Europe, and the Social Democrats trying to combine security with openness to the Eastern bloc.

On the left of the establishment, the Greens have called for the scrapping of the Nato alliance, and other groups have had no trouble organizing large anti-American protests.

### EEC would have liked 'restraint'

By YOSSEI LEMPKOWICZ  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
BRUSSELS. - "The American blow cracked the European porcelain," was the headline yesterday in one Belgian newspaper. It reflected the strains that the U.S. air strike against Libya caused within the EEC, as well as between Europe and the Americans.

The U.S. FB-111s began their punitive action against Libya's Muammar Gaddafi only hours after the EEC issued a joint communiqué calling on the Americans to exert "self-restraint," and warning against escalation of tension in the Mediterranean.

The Europeans believed they had made a concession by naming Libya as the state responsible for the recent bombing of a TWA airliner and the bombing of a discotheque in West Berlin. They hoped that the diplomatic sanctions they decided to take against Libya would influence the U.S. decision on action against Gaddafi. They were obviously mistaken.

Two European governments, however, expressed understanding of the U.S. action - Britain and, to a much lesser extent, West Germany. (See adjacent stories.) Observers here see this as a sign that Bonn and London consider the alliance with Washington more important than so-called "European solidarity."

The week's events also pointed out the difference between north and south Europe. Mediterranean states, such as Spain, Italy and Greece, see themselves as more vulnerable to Libyan counterattacks, and so are less willing to take a strong stand against Gaddafi.

## Party convention says refugees should be resettled across the border

## Mideast peace - as Tehiya would like to see it

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

If Tehiya could have its way, Israel would only make peace with the Arabs if the 500,000 Palestinian refugees in camps near Nablus, Bethlehem, Gaza and elsewhere in the administered territories were resettled across the border. The other Arabs of Tehiya's Greater Israel would be denied voting rights, unless they would prove that they supported Zionism. And if the Arabs do not make peace with Israel, they can expect to lose more territory to Israel, which, under a Tehiya government, would not hesitate to occupy more Arab land.

These are just some of the resolutions the 600 delegates to the Tehiya convention unanimously approved in Kiryat Arba this week. To an outsider, the vision they offered was one of a militaristic state comprising a two-class society: one consisting of Jews and those Arabs who "behave themselves," and another including the vast majority of Arabs, who may live and work here but will be denied basic democratic rights.

By the end of the party's convention in a Kiryat Arba yeshiva, it was clear Tehiya had no plans to soften its hawkish line. If anything, the convention was an exercise in firming the party's already hard line. The delegates reiterated Tehiya's opposition to any territorial concessions for peace and any form of autonomy for the Arab population.

It decided that even if an Arab ruler were to accept their terms, Israel should hesitate before concluding a peace accord unless that ruler has been elected democratically and commands his public's support.

With the paucity of democracies in the region, however, Israel would do best to strengthen its deterrent force, build a strong regular army and keep it at a high level of preparedness, and occupy more lands if attacked. The additional territory could remain in Israel's hands and would not be subject to negotiations, the convention unanimously decided.

Although some delegates advocated deportation of the Arabs under Israeli control, the majority came out in favour of offering financial inducements to those who are willing to leave. The 300,000 refugees residing in camps in the Gaza Strip and the 200,000 in the West Bank should be left there, pending their departure for Arab



Party chairman Yuval Ne'eman...Kahane condemned. (Rahamim Israeli)

countries. If those countries won't accept them, there will be no peace, Tehiya declared.

It's a humane position, Tehiya leaders claimed. "Jordan is part of Eretz Yisrael, so in going there they won't even be emigrating," MK Gula Cohen said in an interview.

The remaining one million Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip who are not refugees will be denied their civil rights unless they support the Zionist cause.

The process of acquiring Israeli citizenship and thus the right to vote and be elected to the Knesset would be lengthy. Over a period of several years, Arabs would have to prove their allegiance to the State of Israel as the embodiment of the Zionist dream. They would be required to pass tests, complete a period of national service, pass a check by the General Security Services and prove that they have never supported a party such as the Progressive List for Peace.

Despite the similarities of the Tehiya platform with that of the Kach Party, Tehiya leaders strongly rejected any comparison with Rabbi Meir Kahane. "Don't compare him to us in any way or form, not in speech, not in thinking and not in action. His views and behaviour are unacceptable

to me. He wants a theocratic state," MK Rafael Eitan insisted.

Yuval Ne'eman MK, the party chairman, was equally forceful in his condemnation of Kahane. The main achievement of Kach's leader was to help the left because he scared people away from the national bloc.

Indeed, comparisons with Kach were not entirely fair. The atmosphere at the Tehiya convention was civilized, respectable. Delegates reasoned with one another.

For a moment, the convention had been on the verge of an explosion over the composition of one of the party forums, but Ne'eman defused the tension. "Take a deep breath," he advised the delegates. "Think for a moment. What are you quarrelling about? Whoever really [misses the action] can go to the Herut convention and let of steam there. Its second session is pending."

He said in an interview later that the ugly scenes at the Herut convention had resulted in some of that party's members joining Tehiya. Ne'eman said he also expected some Labourites to come over to Tehiya. He said some Labour Party members had told him they could no longer stand the dovishness of Prime Minister Peres, especially after he had recognized the Palestinians as a people.

Most of all he expected support to come from teenagers who would be voting for the first time. These would-be voters get the Tehiya message "intuitively," he said.

The convention voted to increase its activity among that age group and to set up a youth movement.

Several hours after the convention wound up, the Tehiya MKs were busy drawing up an official response to the clash between settlers who tried to foil a Peace Now rally in Hebron and soldiers who had to push aside the demonstrators to make way for the Citizens' Rights Movement MKs who were trying to get to the meeting at the Park Hotel.

Tehiya did not take part in the action, though Ne'eman admitted that some of its members may have been out there; and he was sympathetic to the demonstrators who had attacked the Peace Now people as trouble-makers because their meeting "incited" Arabs against Jews. Blocking the road "may have been reasonable," Ne'eman contended, but the use of violence was "certainly not."

### Britons disapprove of raid

By JERRY LEWIS  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent and Agencies

LONDON. - Opinion polls published here yesterday showed that a majority of Britons disapproved of the U.S. attack on Libya, despite Prime Minister Thatcher's defeat of an opposition bid to censure her for backing the raid.

A Gallup poll published in *The Daily Telegraph* yesterday showed that 69 per cent of the British public thought that the government was wrong to allow the U.S. to use its bases in England for the raid. Twenty-seven per cent approved of the government's action, and the

rest had no opinion. The poll showed that 65 per cent disapproved of the raid, with 29 per cent in favour. Over four-fifths of those polled thought the attack would lead to more terrorism against Britain.

A poll by Market Opinion and Research International, published in *The Times*, said 71 per cent were critical of Thatcher's decision to permit use of U.S. bases here, with 25 per cent in favour.

A spokesman for No. 10 Downing Street told *The Jerusalem Post* that Thatcher was taking the findings "philosophically."

### Settlers fined for firing at stone-throwers

By RON JOURARD  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two West Bank settlers who were charged with kidnapping an Arab school principal two years ago, and firing into the air after their vehicle was stoned near Hebron, were fined NIS 50 this week by the Jerusalem Magistrates' Court.

Menahem Levanon and Haim Zilberstein, of the Hebron Hills settlement of Susia, had been riding in a minibus full of schoolchildren that was stoned outside an Arab school on the Hebron-Beersheba road. They got out of the vehicle and, in an attempt to catch the youths responsi-

ble, fired several shots into the air. The youths continued to throw stones, one of which injured a girl on the bus.

The settlers drove to the Kiryat Arba police station, taking with them the school principal who was standing nearby. They were subsequently charged with kidnapping him and shooting in a public place, a misdemeanor that carries a maximum penalty of one year's imprisonment and a NIS 200 fine. The kidnapping charge was dropped in a plea-bargain agreement after it emerged that the principal might have willingly accompanied the settlers.

### U.S. army to boost arms purchases here

The American army in Europe will increase purchases in Israel from about \$100 million a year to \$500

million next year, Israel Radio reported last night.

### Alleged rapist held in TA

By YORAM GAZIT  
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. - A man believed responsible for a series of rapes here was caught Wednesday evening while assaulting a teenage girl in a Ramat Aviv schoolyard.

The man, a resident of the Dan region, is suspected of at least one other rape and four more attempted rapes in the same Ramat Aviv schoolyard.

Detectives were alerted to the crime at about 7:30 Wednesday evening by screams for help from the girl, as the suspect was about to rape her.

The man, who is married and of athletic build, found his victims by answering advertisements on notice boards and tree trunks placed by teenagers seeking work, police said. When he answered the ads, he would ask the girls to meet him after dusk in the schoolyard, offering a different explanation each time for the odd meeting place.

In the schoolyard, the rapist would ambush the teenagers, raping them or committing indecent acts.

The police believe that not all the rape victims have filed complaints. The suspect is cooperating with investigators, police said.

ARRESTS. - French police early yesterday rounded up 53 people and found at least two of them in possession of explosives and firearms. It was seen as part of the new conservative French government's war on terrorism.

DEATH SENTENCE. - The leader of France's extreme right-wing National Front, Jean-Marie Le Pen, called yesterday for re-establishment of the death penalty to strengthen the fight against crime and terrorism. Capital punishment was abolished in 1981.

### Director kept low profile on visit to Israel

### A wife's tale: Life with Steven Spielberg

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Like a UFO, film director Steven Spielberg landed in Israel some two weeks ago and vanished again, seen by very few and interviewed by none.

It was rumoured that he came to see his wife Amy Irving, now starring in Menahem Golan's production of *Rumpelstiltskin*, and his nine-month-old son. The groupies waited day and night outside the Yamit Hotel in Tel Aviv, hoping to catch a glimpse of the legendary director, whose films include *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *ET* and *The Colour Purple*. They were among the few who believed he was actually here.

After a few days, the groupies and press photographers gave up and disappeared. Then Spielberg came down to the lobby in jeans and sneakers and sat around reading *The*

*Jerusalem Post*. He was also seen drinking coffee at the Vienna Cafe behind the hotel, facing the sea.

Despite his refusal to meet the press or talk to reporters, Spielberg proved he was really a nice guy. When a hotel worker told him her teenage son wanted his autograph, Spielberg wrote a personal message signed "Steven Spielberg and E.T."

After he left the country, Amy Irving talked a little about her life with Spielberg.

"He has such an imagination that it affects our marriage," she said. "He's full of fascinating stories."

Asked why she never appeared in any of her husband's pictures, Irving said she had considered appearing in *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. "But just then we broke up for a while, and it wasn't cool to do it. But it's bound to happen sooner or later."

She described their life in Holly-

wood as private and quiet. "We're not party-goers. We like staying home a lot and leading a quiet life," she said, adding that her favourite Spielberg movie is his latest, *The Colour Purple*, which has not yet appeared in Israel.

Irving, her hair dyed bright blonde for the part of the miller's daughter in *Rumpelstiltskin*, arrived in Israel a month ago with her mother, Priscilla Pointer (Pam and Cliff Barnes' mother in the *Dallas* television series), who is also playing in the movie.

Both Irving and Pointer loved Israel, "especially the people, who were kind and warm and helpful." They toured the Galilee and Jerusalem, tracing the footsteps of Christ.

Pointer said she had dreamed about Jerusalem many times, and the city did have a kind of magic quality. But both agreed that the most



Amy Irving

exciting thing that happened to them here was seeing Irving's son take his first steps - the day after his father left the country.

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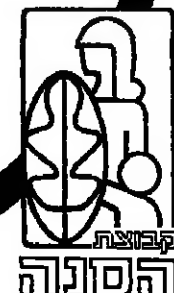
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## Washington becomes fortress-like as violence spreads

By GENE GIBBONS

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — America's once-open capital city has transformed itself into a cluster of guarded strongholds, a process begun long before the current armed conflict with Libya and calls for "holy war" against the U.S. Waist-high concrete barriers designed to thwart vehicle-bombers ring the White House grounds where once only a picturesque wrought-iron fence obscured the public view.

Massive cement geranium pots serve the same purpose at the 630-dunam congressional complex, where sand-filled dump trucks and "ram cars" — always manned, with engines running — are also part of defenses against any suicide vehicle attack.

Similar barricades fence the State Department, the Pentagon and other key official buildings.

Everyone who enters a Federal office building must pass through an airport-style metal detector. Once inside many of the individuals are under almost constant surveillance by hidden television cameras.

Precautions that can be seen here also include machinegun toting body guards for high officials and sentry dogs trained to sniff out explosives.

In addition, security sources say, the White House has ground-to-air missiles deployed

against any would-be kamikaze plane.

Critics have claimed the government is over-reacting and building up people like Libya's Muammar Gaddafi, who has often threatened to unleash guerrilla warfare in the streets of America and who urged Arabs to wage a holy war of strikes against Americans after the April 14 U.S. air attacks on Libya.

Analysts such as private security consultant Eugene Mastrangelo rate the protective buildup a prudent step.

"There's a difference between being alert and alarmed," he says. "I would argue the United States is now becoming alert."

While the massacre of more than 200 marines in an October 1983 truck bombing of their Beirut barracks prompted many of the measures, other incidents contributed to Washington's growing security-consciousness.

They included:

- Bombings by unknown persons who did extensive damage to the Senate wing of the Capitol building in 1971 and again in 1983.
- A 1974 helicopter landing at the White House by an army private who had failed his course at flight school.
- 51 Attempts to assassinate Presidents Ford and Reagan as well as reports in late 1981 that Libyan hit squads were on the prowl in the U.S.

Other events in the chain included a threat by a deranged anti-nuclear weapons crusader — who was shot dead by police — to blow up the Washington Monument in 1982. There was also a 1985 murder of a State Department employee at work on the same floor as the secretary of state's office.

But most of the new efforts to tighten security have occurred in the past two or three years, and the scramble to do so is costing millions of dollars at a time when severe budget restrictions are affecting other programs.

It has also caused bickering among branches of government. Congressional officials have been angered by a State Department effort to recruit some of the best-trained members of the 1,000-member Capitol police force for the department's own guard unit, sources told Reuters.

Moreover, there have been several embarrassing lapses in the drive to make official Washington more secure. One recent example was an unemployed Colorado man's unchallenged entry into the White House on the presidential inauguration day in 1985.

He simply walked past guards who mistakenly assumed he was with a party of military musicians then entering. The man did no harm but had wandered into the presidential family

living area by the time he was apprehended.

Officials responsible for security say such mistakes are bound to happen. "We're trying to maintain an open atmosphere," says Jack Rust, sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives.

Although recent events motivated both the visible and many discreet measures to reduce the vulnerability of government leaders and national shrines, Washington has long been preoccupied with security.

In the early 19th century, President James Monroe hid sharpshooters in the trees of the White House.

A variation goes on today: security sources say a team of sharpshooters is stationed round the clock on the White House roof.

In the mid-1800s, President John Tyler created what now is the Washington Metropolitan police force to protect himself.

During World War II, armed troops, machine gun nests and anti-aircraft artillery batteries helped provide security in the Federal enclave.

But President Franklin Delano Roosevelt vetoed an even more extreme protective measure. Security experts wanted to paint the White House black to make it a less obvious target in case of an enemy air attack.

There FDR drew the line.

### Claims hit squads trained in Tripoli

## Botha links S. African guerrillas to Libya

CAPE TOWN (Reuters). — South African President P.W. Botha yesterday fiercely attacked black guerrillas fighting his white-dominated government, saying they were linked to Libya and to international communist expansionism.

Speaking to Parliament after the U.S. air raid on Libya, Botha also called on the rest of the world not to interfere in South African affairs nor use the country's people as guinea-pigs for political experiments.

Botha said the African National Congress guerrilla group and its ally the South African Communist Party (SACP) had "succeeded in reconciling the terrorist campaign in South Africa with the so-called 'world-wide fight against imperialism' and the aims of a Communist world order."

He told the white chamber of parliament that Southern Africa was increasingly becoming the focal point for East-West involvement and rivalry.

Botha, referring to ties between various guerrilla groups around the world, said another clandestine conference was to be held in the Libyan capital of Tripoli this week by South African and Namibian (South West African) guerrilla groups and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Pretoria has said it recently de-

tained two Libyan-trained guerrillas of the Pan-African Congress.

He gave details of 12 South Africans said by press reports here to have been turned away recently from a flight leaving Athens for Harare, in Zimbabwe, which borders South Africa.

Most of the group were Muslims committed to terror and violence and trained as "hit squad" members in Libya, Botha charged. He added he had evidence of this and other "hit squads" which he was prepared to show parliamentary opposition leaders.

"This intelligence shows that South African terrorists groups will apply the Gaddafi/PLO style of terrorism inside the Republic of South Africa as well as abroad and will sometimes operate in conjunction with or under the auspices of international terrorist groups," Botha said.

"Our security and intelligence services are taking the necessary counter-measures," he said.

"South Africa is engaged in an urgent and comprehensive process of reform; however, negotiations will not be conducted with the SACP, international and national terrorist groups or other fanatics," he declared.

## Stalin's daughter back in U.S.

MOSCOW (AP). — The daughter of Josef Stalin, who defected in 1967 but returned 17 years later saying she was never happy in the West, has left the Soviet Union again and returned to the U.S., aviation officials said yesterday.

Svetlana Alliluyeva, only daughter of the man who ruled the Soviet Union for 29 years, left Moscow on Wednesday morning on a flight to Zurich from where she left for Chicago.

Miss Alliluyeva's departure came just one day after her American-born daughter, 14-year-old Olga Peters, left Moscow.

Miss Peters returned to England to the Quaker boarding school she attended before coming to the Soviet Union, a land she had never seen and whose languages she did not speak, in October 1984.

The teenager, once described by her mother as "American as apple pie," said on Wednesday at a tearful reunion with teachers and schoolmates that her mother now regrets suddenly interrupting her education and whisking her to the Soviet Union.

Miss Alliluyeva told a news conference in November 1984 — that she had returned to renew links with two adult children she left behind in Moscow when she defected in New Delhi.

Her son Josef was 22 and her daughter Yekaterina 17, when their mother left.

But Miss Alliluyeva's children were rumored to have found it difficult to accept their mother back after her 17 years in the West. Miss Peters told reporters in England that her stepbrother and stepmother "were not supportive to me... we didn't know what to say to each other."

Miss Peters is the daughter of William Wesley Peters, the American architect Miss Alliluyeva married in 1970. The marriage, her third, ended in divorce in 1973, two years after Olga was born.

Miss Alliluyeva, described by western friends as a restless, temperamental woman on a constant search for happiness, spent most of her time in the West in the U.S., but lived in England for 18 months before returning home.



Riot policemen entered the campus of Korea University in Seoul yesterday and fired tear gas against 1,000 students demonstrating against the government. Others clashed with police in seven other universities. The protests marked the 26th anniversary of a bloody student uprising that overthrew the government of Syngman Rhee.

(Reuters telephoto)

## FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

### Court ends force-feeding of quadriplegic

LOS ANGELES (AP). — A 28-year-old quadriplegic who tried two years ago to starve herself to death is happy and will eat all she can after a hospital obeys an appeals court order to stop force-feeding her, her attorney says.

In a unanimous opinion on Wednesday, Associate Justice Edwin Beach agreed that Elizabeth Bouvia has the right to refuse medical treatment — even if it is life-sustaining.

"She has the right to refuse the increased dehumanizing aspects of her condition created by the insertion of a permanent tube through her nose and into her stomach," Beach wrote.

Bouvia's attorney, Richard S. Scott said his client who no longer intends to starve herself to death when the force-feeding stops, was relieved and happy about the ruling.

### Sudan party to form nat'l unity government

KHARTOUM (Reuters). — Sudan's centrist Umma Party plans to form a national unity government grouping all parties represented in the new Constituent Assembly which ousted ex-president Jaafar Numeiri, the party newspaper said yesterday.

The party spelled out its plans as counting ended in all Sudan's 205 northern constituencies following 12 days of voting in the country's first multi-party poll for 18 years.

Umma took first place with 97 of the seats, followed by the centrist Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) with 64, the rightist National Islamic Front (NIF) with 28 and others with 16.

### Three more Italian wine merchants held

MILAN (AP). — Three wine merchants have been arrested in connection with Italy's scandal of tainted wine which has claimed 22 lives. Milan court sources reported yesterday.

The latest arrests raised the total of those jailed in the case to 14.

The three merchants arrested in the Venetian region on Wednesday were accused of marketing wine laced with methanol, which can cause blindness, coma and death if consumed in large quantity. Seven other merchants have been charged with second degree murder, on the grounds they knew that methanol added to the wine was potentially poisonous.

## Aquino lists her fortune at \$880,000

MANILA (AP). — President Corason Aquino reported her wealth at 17.7 million pesos (\$880,000) in a disclosure released yesterday.

The amount included a family house near Boston, Massachusetts, which recent news reports have said is being sold for \$500,000 but which Aquino priced at \$250,000 in yesterday's financial statement.

Presidential spokesman Rene Saguisag was not immediately available for comment on the apparent discrepancy.

The statement listed assets of 22.1 million pesos (\$1.1m) and debts of 4.4 million pesos (\$220,000).

Aquino, whose family owns a sugar estate north of Manila, valued her share of Philippine properties at just 3.4 million pesos (\$150,000).

Her report also listed 4.4 million pesos (\$220,000) in cash, one million pesos (\$50,000) in jewelry, paintings, furniture and home fixtures; 7.8 million pesos (\$350,000) in investments; 150,000 pesos (\$7,500) in vehicles; and 317,000 pesos (\$15,500) in money owed to her.

Aquino's wealth ranks sixth among 18 top officials of the new government who have complied with a law requiring public servants to release a financial statement.

Few officials complied with the law during the administration of deposed president Ferdinand Marcos.

## Communist rebels fighting army in south Philippines

MANILA (Reuters). — Heavy fighting between the army and Communist rebels is taking place in the southern island of Mindanao, the official Philippine news agency said yesterday.

It said the number of casualties could not be determined because fighting was still going on in south Cotabato Province. The fighting started on Tuesday, it said.

A government spokesman said on Monday that rebels had been contacted for cease-fire talks, but the rebels, who have been fighting the government since 1969, have not yet responded.

The gun battle broke out when army rangers backed by two helicopter gunships clashed with about 400 Communist New People's Army (NPA) guerrillas in Malungon, 950km southeast of Manila.

Additional government troops have been sent to the area, the news agency said.

It was the largest rebel group encountered by the military since President Corason Aquino came into power in February, the news agency said.

## EC to resume ties with Turkish gov't

STRASBOURG (AP). — The 12-member countries of the European Community have agreed to resume normal relations with Turkey, its governing Council of Ministers said.

In a written reply to a parliamentary question, the council said it also began examining the possibility of resuming financial aid to Ankara. At the same time, the council said it decided to keep a careful watch on Turkey's progress towards democratic rule and the full restoration of civil liberties.

The community's association agreement with Ankara was suspended following the military coup in September 1980. The 1983 election of a civilian government has led to a gradual improvement of the community's ties with Turkey.

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## SPORTS

## SOCCER PREVIEW

## Haifa's chance to run

By YARON KENAN

Maccabi Haifa and Bnei Yehuda slammed home 10 goals between them last weekend. It's a pretty safe bet that neither set of forwards will knock in five when they meet at the Kiryat Eliezer stadium in one of the prime ties of tomorrow afternoon's 25th round of games in the National League.

Almost as safe a wager would be that Haifa, the champions of the past two seasons, grab their regained position at the top of the log and run. If indeed the fast flying Haifa side are able to dispose of their visitors from the Haifa quarter with another well-rounded victory they could well open an unbridgeable gap between themselves and their erstwhile challengers from Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Hapoel Tel Aviv seem to have peaked way before the season ends and one detects an unhealthy note of carping creeping into the anyway caustic comments of coach David Schweitzer. His men can prove the critics wrong in the Sharon tomorrow, but they will have their work cut out for them to avoid their third successive defeat in a row (one Cup, one league) because their hosts Kfar Sava are still not quite out of the relegation woods and will be battling every inch of the way for not just one, but three valuable points.

Quite frankly, the fast finishing other Tel Aviv combination Maccabi, and Bnei Yehuda, stinking up

quietly thanks to Eli Ohana's occasional bursts of form (usually late in the game), now look to be the likelier challengers to the Haifa hegemony.

Bnei have the easier task tomorrow, especially now that the Jaffa voodoo which seemed to affect all other teams and prevented the southernmost club from losing for 18 straight games was brought to an end in their Cup replay by Shimon on Tuesday. The voodoo YAFCA fans ought to have something genuine to cheer about at 5.15 tomorrow afternoon.

Maccabi travel to Rehovot for a difficult fixture against Sha'arayim who are really fighting for their lives. On occasion, they do know how to fight. This time they might find, however, that Avi Cohen's cutters simply carry too much talent and firepower. Sha'arayim's goal thus may have to settle for a Shimon victory over Yavne and for a Hapoel Jerusalem defeat in Netanya (their two main rivals to avoid relegation) to compensate them on their team becoming Maccabi Tel Aviv's sixth victim in a row.

But watch out for that game in Netanya. It could turn up the surprise of the day as the second Jerusalem club bring to bear every resource at their disposal to avert the doom of a drop.

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FULL SCHEDULE (Kick offs are at 3.30 p.m. with results of first game earlier in the season in parentheses).

Macc. Haifa v Bnei Yehuda Kiryat Eliezer (0-0)  
Macc. K. Sava Hap. TA Kfar Sava (1-2)  
Macc. Sha'arayim Macc. TA Rehovot (0-2)  
Bnei Yeh. Macc. Jaffa YAFCA (2-0)  
Shimon Macc. Yavne Netanya 1.30 p.m. (0-1)  
Macc. PT Hap. Haifa Pech Tikva (0-1)  
Hap. Beersheba Hap. PT Beersheba (0-1)  
Macc. Netanya Hap. Bnei Yehuda (1-2)

## Spain delirious as three teams reach European club finals

BARCELONA (Reuters). — Spanish soccer fans celebrated until shortly before dawn yesterday after a night of triumph on which Barcelona, Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid reached the finals of Europe's three major tournaments.

Never before in the 31-year history of the competitions has one country supplied a finalist in the European Cup, the Cup Winners' Cup and the UEFA Cup.

The feat was even more remarkable considering that just two years ago every Spanish club was eliminated in the first round with the exception of Real Madrid.

There was potential for disaster last night with Barcelona going into the second leg of their European Cup Semi-final with Gothenburg trailing 3-0. On a dramatic night they first pulled back the deficit and went on to win a penalty shoot-out after extra time in front of almost 100,000 fans.

## Zehava returns

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. — Israel's top woman athlete Zehava Shmueli makes a welcome return to competition tomorrow after an 18-month break at the second annual Ramat Hasharon 10km. spring race. Shmueli, 30, whose third child Kinneret was born late last year, has been the No. 1 distance runner here for nearly a decade, specializing in the 42km. marathon.

The meet, part road race and part cross-country, starts at 4 p.m. at the Ramat Hasharon Athletic Stadium. Registration can be made at the starting point from 2 p.m., with the charge NIS 7 for the full distance and NIS 3 for a 2 1/2km. run also on the programme.

In the high-quality 10km. men's field, defending champion Yehoshua Shilo faces a strong challenge from Arich Gansel and Shimon Azriel, while among the women Rose Seydon is likely to be the main threat to Shmueli. Zehava's younger sister Mical Shmueli is unable to defend her women's title, as she is competing in the big Rotterdam Marathon tomorrow.

HORSES. — The Israel Horse Society's second heat of the 1986 national show-jumping championship takes place tomorrow at the Jockey Club in Kfar Shmaryahu, with a 9.30 a.m. start.

"It certainly wasn't a match for the weak heart," Barcelona coach Terry Venables told packed press conference after midnight. "What a pity one side had to lose."

Venables went on to say he is sorry for the Real Madrid-Inter Milan

Uefa Cup semi-final return leg also went to extra time, with Real running out 5-1 winners and an overall victory of 6-4 in their Santiago Bernabeu Stadium.

Carlos Santillan, Real's 33-year-old striker who has played for the club for 15 years, scored the winning goal in the 92nd and 107th minutes.

Real's victory was sealed only by the injury suffered by international striker Miroslav Stuchlik, who broke his left ankle in the 15th minute and will miss the World Cup in Mexico.

Real meet Cologne in the final. The West German's current Wagoner of Belgium 7-3 at

Atletico Madrid completed the last-trick for Spain with a superb performance away to Bayer Uerdingen in the Cup Winners' Cup. They won 3-2 in Krefeld after beating the West German side by the one goal in the first leg two weeks ago, and play Dynamo Kiev in the final.

Cars full of ecstatic fans drove down Madrid's main avenues, horns blaring. Flashes kept firing long after normal closing time.

## A ship well sunk

LONDON (Reuters). — "The ship is well and truly sunk and lying 20 fathoms deep. I have to congratulate Viv (Richards) and his men on a superb demolition job."

Captain David Gower's appraisal of the British cricketers' tour of the West Indies was succinct, honest and tinged with relief that a visit racked by controversy from the start had finally ended.

But as he surveyed the wreckage of another 5-4 whitewash by one of the outstanding teams of all time, Gower went further the memory of his team's defeat could lead to England dropping the pilot for this summer's series against India and New Zealand.

At St. John's in Antigua, the Windies won the fifth and final Test by 249 runs in a rain-affected match. The victory, the Windies' 18th in a row over England, was built around their first innings of 474 and a rapid time 246 for two declared in the second. England compiled 310 in their first innings, but were bowled out for 170 in the second.

BASISBALL. — American League: Kansas City 1, Boston 0; Milwaukee 7, Oakland 5, 10 innings; Chicago 10, Detroit 4; California 4, Seattle 0.

National League: Houston 4, San Francisco 3; Cincinnati 5, Atlanta 3; San Diego 2, Los Angeles 1.

All other games postponed due to rain and cold weather.

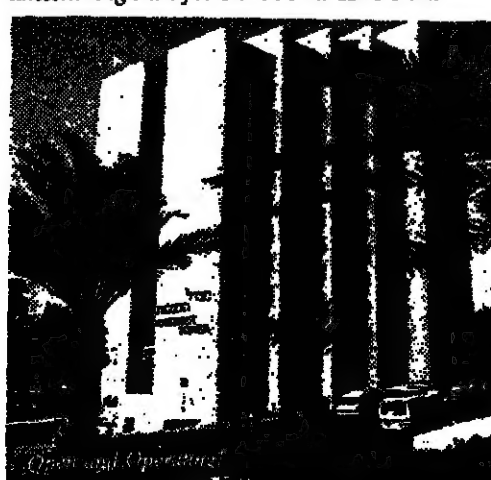
TENNIS. — Top-seeded West German Steffi Graf and Canadian Robyn Eklund both won in straight sets to advance to the third round of the \$275,000 WTA championship women's tennis tournament at Amelia Island, Florida.

Graf, the number one seed, beat Nigha Nigha Brazil 4-6, 6-3, and Robyn Eklund won 6-4, 6-0 over American Elise Burgin.

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AFTER THE BOMBING

# Libya - what happens when smoke clears?

## Israeli expert offers insights into future of Gaddafi regime

By MARK SEGAL/Post Political Correspondent

SO FAR, Libyan ruler Muammar Gaddafi appears to have led a charmed life. His present position, and that of his regime, lie beneath a huge question mark after he took on the greatest power on earth, to whose downfall he has dedicated his life. That is why one of Israel's leading academic experts on Libya, Yehudit Ronen, associate research scholar at Tel Aviv University's Dayan Centre for Middle East Studies, is chary of offering scenarios about the regime's future, once the present battle smoke has cleared up.

Gaddafi's background shows what brought the son of a poor nomadic tribe of Beduin marauders to international prominence. His official biography conceals much more than it reveals, but it is known that his family has a fighting tradition - his grandfather fought the Italians, as did his father, who was wounded in one skirmish. As in many instances, the name his father gave him offers a key to his personality - Muammar (means long life) Muhammad (indicating his deeply religious upbringing) and Gaddafi (or to give the orthodox transliteration, al-Qadhafi), meaning belonging to the Qadhafi tribe.

He is consistently secretive, especially regarding his private life. Little, or nothing, is known of his children, how many there are and their ages. Nor it is known whether he wed more than one wife. Ronen recalls one extraordinary event when he showed the world his wife on his 1982 state visit to Vienna. Her name, Safiya, means purity. She presented a well-groomed, Western-style appearance, and might have been taken for a career woman in a European capital.

Even the date of his birth is enveloped in the desert mists, but Ronen says it is accepted as 1942, making him 44 years old. His tribe derives from the Fezzan region, midway between the two other power centres of Libya - Tripolitania and Cyrenaica. As far as is known he comes from near Sidra on the Mediterranean coast, the bay of the same name that made headlines as the scene of U.S.-Libya confrontation.

According to Ronen, the French

colonial presence was strong in the Fezzan area, from 1945 until the last French troops left in 1956. The French superseded Italian colonial rule that had held sway prior to World War II. Ronen sees the strong impact of the French presence in influencing Gaddafi's personality as evident in his participation as a schoolboy in anti-French demonstrations and for Algerian independence.

HIS IMMEDIATE family was poor but has blood ties to a much more important clan in the tribal hierarchy. As the youngest son, he was his aging father's favourite, which is probably why so much attention was paid to his education from an early age. He was put in the hands of religious tutors from the age of seven when he was taught to read and write, and instructed in the Koran. At 10, he was sent to a government primary school in the seaside township of Sidra. Five years after, he was sent to a kind of junior high school at the desert oasis of Sabhah. Ronen pointed to the importance of the tiny desert township in Gaddafi's life. He is known to regard it with considerable affection. It is also known that he has built himself a fortress hideout there, bunker and all, to which he retreats at times of crisis. According to reports coming out of Libya, he left Tripoli for Sabhah this week, and is supposed to be there now.

The Dayan Centre researcher notes that already as early as the age of 18 in his high school days, Gaddafi became notorious as an agitator and a rebellious leader of his fellow pupils against the monarchist regime. He was such a trouble-maker that he was exiled to the coastal town of Misrata (also in his tribal region) to complete his education, which carried on till 1963.

His reputation as an agitator led the authorities to send him to prison. That was a crucial stage in his career, for in prison he forged close personal relationships with some of the men who helped him establish supreme power, especially Abdel Salam Jalloud, still no. 2 in Libya, and Mustapha Kharoubi, another member of the inner circle of his supporters.



Yehudit Ronen reports Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi was an agitator at an early age.

(Hanoth Gathmann)

After being released from prison, he attended the military academy, and even visited Britain during the course of his studies. He reached the rank of captain in the army. It was during those formative years that Gaddafi began surreptitiously gathering around him followers, especially the 12 fellow officers who would later help him to seize power.

Gaddafi and his men belong to what Ronen calls "the radio generation," referring to the dominant influence of Egyptian ruler Gamal Abdel Nasser, who expanded his

charismatic influence throughout the Arab world over the airwaves. Indeed as Ronen points out, Nasser's book *The Philosophy of the Revolution* was readily available in Libya during the mid-50s.

LIBYA WAS ripe for Gaddafi's coup on September 1, 1969. The ailing old king was out of the country; there were three, often rival, centres of power in the land. It was a society in transition, beset by social tensions resulting from the emergence of an urban proletariat and a

newly rich bourgeoisie whose wealth stemmed from the discovery of big oil reserves in the early 60s by the Americans and the revenue from the big U.S. army bases.

Ronen also pinpoints the Six Day War and the humbling of Gaddafi's hero Nasser as having an almost traumatic effect upon him, providing an understanding of his hatred for Israel and his deepening basically anti-Western sentiments.

Ronen points to the way the Libyans modelled their revolution on Nasser's Egyptian Free Officers Revolution, and how the Sudanese coup, in which Numeiry copied Nasser in May, proved to be the catalyst for Gaddafi in September of the same year.

From the moment he took power,

Gaddafi began building up the central government which he hoped would divert the loyalties of the masses away from their tribes. Copying the Egyptian model he founded in 1971 the Libyan Arab Socialist Union as the only legal political movement. He did not then and does not now, she adds, term himself the president, preferring titles like "the Commander" or "the Leader." Some years passed before he realized he had failed to break tribal loyalties, and he had to deal with a number of plots against him.

Then in 1973, he began building up his People's Revolution, gradually consolidating the ideological patterns to underpin his rule. On March 7, 1977, he proclaimed *al-sha'ab* (people's power), centralizing his ideology in *The Green Book*, as a vital alternative to capitalism and communism. His basic credo is, "Power, wealth and arms should be in the hands of the people because these three factors determine the freedom of man." Gaddafi proceeded to abolish all established institutions of the state, from the cabinet, to the embassy renamed the people's bureau.

THE DAYAN CENTRE researcher conceded that some scholars see a parallel to Mao Tse-tung's Cultural Revolution, with Mao's Red Guards similar to Gaddafi's Revolutionary Committees, which serve as his watchdogs at all levels of Libyan society. In 1977, Gaddafi proceeded to change the country's name to the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. The latter word, different from *jamhuriya*, Arabic for republic, means something like "polity of the masses."

His next phase, lasting through 1978 and 1979, was extending his revolution to the economy. Picking up a copy of *The Green Book*, Ronen quoted: "He who produces is the one who consumes... wage workers are a type of slave, however improved the wages may be... No more wage workers but partners..." He then prohibited the owning of more than one home or more than one car.

As Ronen noted, his steps really hit the new rich, many of whom fled

to Western Europe where they became an important element in the opposition to the regime. They are the targets of the wave of Libyan hit men scouring Europe to liquidate the leader's opponents.

GADDAFI'S ideology also included aspiring to abolish the conventional military hierarchy, with him advocating that all Libyans must defend the country. According to various estimates, Libya had a population in 1984 of 3.6 million and an armed force of 100,000.

As to Gaddafi's emergence onto the international stage, Ronen mentioned that in 1973 he pressured Egypt into a short-lived union with a huge military parade. After a few years he learned that his aspirations in the Arab world were doomed and the results did not bring the desired fame and prestige. Therefore, he looked to the broader world stage to play his role. That period was characterized by his efforts to spread into Africa and his moving closer to the Soviet Union. Ever since, the world has witnessed his expanding support of revolutionary activities from the Philippines to Northern Ireland to Central America.

Ronen does not regard Gaddafi as a Soviet stooge, holding that he sees himself standing midway between the two superpowers. That was why he referred to his ideology as "the third theory." However, he certainly leans toward the Soviets, not only out of hatred for the U.S. but because of the arms supplied by the Kremlin and its political backing. Both Tripoli and Moscow share the common interest of wishing to curb the spread of American influence.

While Libya had good relations with Iran, Gaddafi predated Khomeini in the ideology of exporting his revolution. He has spent vast sums of money in propagating his ideology, including funding chairs in universities throughout the West. She quoted from Gaddafi's interview in the Libyan English-language paper *Jamahiriya Mail*: "We differentiate between terrorism and the legitimate struggle for freedom... (which) is not terrorism." Asked

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## U.S. calls for aid in attack fell on deaf Egyptian ears

By MOSHE ZAK

the Libyan plane, which was suspected of trying to carry out a bombing attack on an Israeli sensitive target, was found to be a civilian plane carrying harmless passengers. In the second case, the suspected villains of the Palestinian terror organizations were not on the intercepted plane, though the intercepted plane was carrying a Syrian delegation returning from the Tripoli conference which was called to plan a new wave of terror.

In both cases the Libyan ruler has hysterically warned that he would retaliate, but Israel responded calmly, knowing that Gaddafi does not need any incentive to carry out acts of terrorism against Israel.

ANWAR SADAT once revealed that Gaddafi had requested an Egyptian submarine in order to sink the *Queen Elizabeth II* ocean liner on its way to Ashdod. But Sadat, who later launched a war against Israel, was not willing to assist Gaddafi in his aim.

Sadat recognized the danger to peace and stability in the region which Gaddafi policies and behaviour were creating, even before the Egyptian leader embarked on his peace initiative with Israel, when he had to confront Libyan subversive acts on the border and even inside Egypt.

In these difficult days, Israel signalled Egypt that it would not exploit Egypt's preoccupation on another front to gain some advantages and, therefore, Egypt could move its forces if it wished, and then out the forces on the Israeli border, without taking the risk of an Israeli move.

The Carter administration, however, restrained Sadat and advised him to withhold any move against Gaddafi. Here one may detect the great difference between the Carter and the Reagan administrations as well as the gap between the approaches of Sadat and Mubarak. While Sadat was eager to contain Gaddafi in his attempt to interfere in the affairs of other countries, Mubarak is more lenient.

Ibrahim Nafeh, the editor-in-chief of *al-Ahram*, who is a close associate of Mubarak, wrote recently that the United States has attempted more than once to persuade Egypt to join in an action against Gaddafi, and Egypt had rejected all three such attempts by the Reagan administration. BOB WOODWARD, one of *The Washington Post* correspondents who exposed the Watergate scandal, was more precise on the Reagan overtures to Mubarak regarding Libya. He revealed that Reagan sent two high-level emissaries to the Egyptian President, trying to convince him to join hands in an attack on Libya.

According to Woodward, one part

of the plan called on Egypt to attack Libya on the ground, occupying perhaps half of the country, and at an Egyptian request the United States would step in to assist. As another alternative, United States bombers and tactical fighters would strike major Libyan military installations before the Egyptian attack.

It is not surprising that *The Washington Post* revealed all these plans even before American bombers hit Tripoli and Benghazi, but what was astonishing is that Mubarak's friend disclosed the American

plans beforehand. After all, there were secret talks between two countries, which have in the past conducted joint military exercises. The Egyptian refusal to participate in a joint action with the U.S. is not the surprising aspect, but, rather, it is the divulging of secret talks. This the U.S. strategists will have to bear in mind in the future.

AS FAR as Egypt's participation is concerned, there was an error in the judgment on the part of the U.S. Mubarak is not in a position for such initiatives. As far as other Arab countries are concerned, the perception that the reaction would not exceed a pronouncement of solidarity has till now been shown as correct. No Arab country has severed relations with the U.S. as they did in June 1967 when they erroneously accused U.S. planes of attacking Egypt.

The U.S. did not err regarding the Soviet Union. The U.S. has accumu-

lated during the years much proof that the USSR would not fight the Americans because of the Middle East. Despite threats and warnings which the Soviet Union voices during each crisis in the Middle East, the Soviets are careful to air these threats at the final stage of every crisis to avoid any need to act.

Moscow's cancellation of the scheduled meeting between Foreign Minister Shevardnadze and Secretary of State Shultz, and its stand at the Security Council debate, may be considered as a surrogate to any other action on behalf of Libya. These diplomatic reactions may also serve as an opening for a new Soviet initiative to call an International Conference on the Mediterranean, to settle the conflict between the U.S. and Libya. This may, as well, be a good occasion for the Soviet Union to pursue its effort for an International Conference on the Middle East, whose purpose is settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute.



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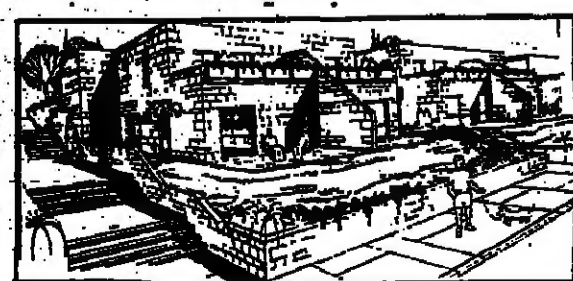
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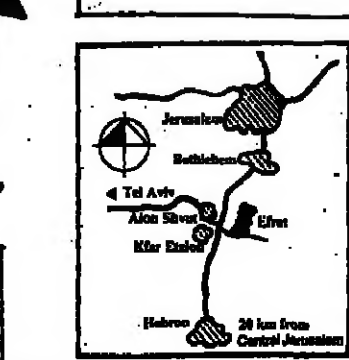
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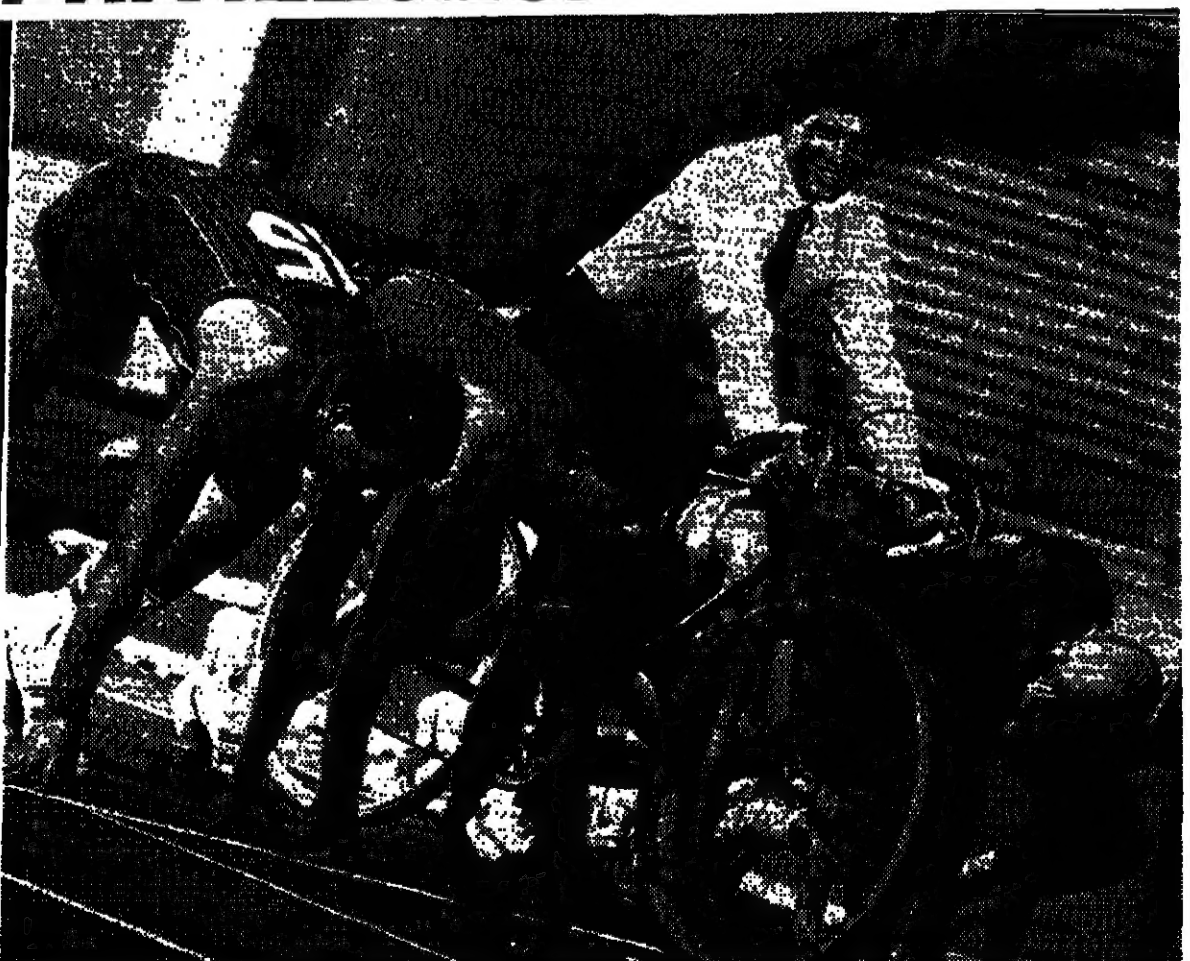
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FOR A BRIEF moment on Wednesday, there was a sense of glee in Washington that Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi was perhaps already dead or had fled the country because of a coup. But, alas, Gaddafi popped up on Libyan television later that evening. True, the broadcast had been previously videotaped, but it became clear that Gaddafi was very much alive.

That disappointment has not stopped senior Reagan administration officials from continuing to work for the colonel's overthrow. Last Monday night's massive aerial strike against military and terrorist targets in Libya was publicly justified by the Americans as part of their "legitimate self defence" in the struggle to pre-empt Libyan-sponsored terrorism. Yet U.S. officials privately conceded that they had also hoped to weaken the colonel severely by encouraging dissenting forces within Libya, especially in the military, to revolt.

President Ronald Reagan, Secretary of State George Shultz, Central Intelligence Agency Director William Casey and other U.S. policymakers have been dreaming about that scenario from their first days in office, and have taken action to achieve it. However one rates their success so far, make no mistake—the effort will continue, full speed ahead.

Earlier, the U.S. had sought Egyptian cooperation for months, but President Hosni Mubarak, preoccupied with Egypt's mounting domestic problems, the faltering economy and the rise of Islamic fundamentalism, was not ready to play ball.

His predecessor, the late Anwar Sadat, had been prepared to try to chase Gaddafi out of Libya but the

# Gaddafi—a man most Americans hate

By WOLF BLITZER

Carter administration did not let him. There was a widespread U.S. assessment at that time that Sadat's forces were perhaps not up to the job. In addition, the Carter foreign policy team thought that any such Egyptian military drive against Libya would merely endanger Sadat's own standing within Egypt and the Arab world. Sadat would certainly have received the green light from the Reagan team.

Gaddafi is hated in the U.S. capital by both Republicans and Democrats. And the administration can be expected to continue its pressure to get rid of him. That is seen in Washington as a given.

REAGAN mostly turned the other cheek to Gaddafi's terror during his first five years in office, but now that he has acted decisively, there seems to be widespread public support across the country.

"The essence of leadership is to face up to the need for action when clearly that is the only appropriate response," editorialized *The Wall Street Journal* on Wednesday. "There is no such thing as a successful defensive war against terrorists." Mr. Reagan concluded, quite correctly, that the only effective response is to counterattack their sources. Gaddafi, who has even bragged about his prowess for secretly plotting havoc, was the appropriate target.

"There will be consequences to be sure. But there also will be respect, even from the natural enemies of the U.S., for a president who decided that it was time to demonstrate that the U.S. cannot be pushed around. In international politics, respect is more valuable than praise."

Even *The Washington Post*, which is often quite critical of Reagan's foreign policies, continued on Wednesday to express support for the operation. And in the process, it lambasted France for denying the Americans permission to use its airspace. In contrast, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was praised.

"It is said in dismissal that she owed Ronald Reagan for his support in the Falklands war," *The Post* editorial said. "Owing can be the debt of a lackey. It can also be the free offering of a friend who understands the purpose of alliance. The moment is something of a lonely one for the U.S. It is good to have British company."

Syndicated columnist George Will was especially hard on the French. Still, his views reflected a broadly based position in the U.S. "It is hard to feel dismay about the fact that the U.S. raid caused collateral damage to the French Embassy in Tripoli," he wrote. "France is, with Italy, especially conspicuous among the U.S. allies that practise appeasement of terrorists in order to deflect



Demonstrators protest the bombing of Libya at the White House.

(AFP telephoto)

violence toward Americans.

"This week France complicated U.S. self-defence by refusing to allow U.S. aircraft to fly over France. In the 1980s, the Fifth Republic is free to behave as badly as the Third Republic did in the 1930s."

The Reagan Administration has also continued to harp on the pre-World War II "appeasement" theme—namely that refusing to stand up to Hitler in the 1930s merely set the stage for the eventual war. This same admonition was repeatedly underscored this week by Reagan, Shultz, Secretary of Defense Caspar

Weinberger, UN Ambassador Vernon Walters and others. The free world must finally stand up to Gaddafi—this refrain was echoed widely on Capitol Hill.

Indeed, there was mounting outrage in Congress over the lack of European support for the U.S. action. Member after member, in their public statements, noted that only Britain, Canada and Israel backed the U.S. Perhaps, some of them suggested, it was time to pull out the 300,000 American troops from Western Europe and to let the Europeans defend themselves.

## UN stand against terrorism melted during the crisis

By WALTER RUBY

more clearly define the boundaries of terrorism. Gouling described those discussions as "sensitive" and declined to comment when asked if the secretariat found acceptable Libya's claim to oppose terrorism, while calling for attacks on U.S. facilities and citizens throughout the world.

François Guilianni, the chief spokesman for the secretary general, believes that despite the events of the past several weeks, the passage of the anti-terrorism resolution represented "a very significant consciousness-raising exercise, even though the resolution is simply a statement of policy, which does not contain sanctions for those states which refuse to adhere to it." He noted: "One should not forget that in the wake of the massacre of Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics in 1972, the General Assembly was unable to reach any agreement to condemn terrorism or even to put the issue on the agenda. What has changed in recent months is that

terrorism is no longer considered to be okay, even in circles which formerly refused to unequivocally condemn it. Despite the continuing disagreements over what constitutes terrorism, this represents very significant change. The resolution is something to build upon for the future," Guilianni added.

Joe Silles, another key Perez de Cuellar spokesman, argues, "I think you can make an analogy about what we are trying to accomplish vis-à-vis terrorism with what we have done over the years with the issue of human rights. Beginning with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948, and continuing to such things as the Genocide Convention, the conventions in support of the rights of women, and against racial discrimination, the UN has been able to create a web of standards on human rights against which governments can be measured. Similarly, the anti-terrorism resolution has to be seen in light of the steps taken previously against air piracy

by the International Civil Aviation Organization, and other steps, such as the passage of a resolution in 1979 unequivocally condemning the taking of hostages. By creating standards of behaviour, we can create yardsticks against which countries can be measured."

Silles added quickly, however, "It would be a mistake to delude ourselves. The UN does not have the enforcement capability to go out and stop terrorism. Whatever limited role we can play will depend on a consensus forming, as it did form when this resolution was passed unanimously last December. There is no question that the secretary-general would like to see greater progress on reaching a consensus as to the nature and definition of terrorism and translating into legally binding instruments some of the resolutions passed here, such as the convention on hostage taking. While the secretary-general would point to the underlying social, political and economic problems that lead to these actions, he does not agree that attacks on innocent civilians are justified under any circumstances."

IN FACT, however, the ambiguity over what constitutes terrorism is written into the text of the bellwether anti-terrorism resolution. While the resolution went further than any previous UN document in calling upon all states to fulfil their obligations under international law to refrain from organizing, instigat-

ing, assisting or participating in terrorist acts in other states or acquiescing in activities within their territories directed toward the commission of such acts; and "urging all states to cooperate with one another more closely, especially through the exchange of relevant information concerning the prevention and combating of terrorism," it also contained a "reaffirmation of the inalienable right to self-determination and independence of all peoples under colonial and racist regimes...and upholding the legitimacy of their struggle, in particular the struggle of national liberation movements."

The upholding of the legitimacy of struggle for national liberation was cited by PLO representative Zehdi Terzi in declaring that, "The PLO condemns all acts of terrorism perpetrated against innocent defenceless people...at the same time, the General Assembly had upheld the right to achieve self-determination through all available means, including through armed struggle."

The Libyan spokesman at the UN issued a statement claiming, "The Jamahiriya (Libyan government) has no need to define and confirm its position with regard to international terrorism; it condemns and rejects any act which violates the rights of innocent people and threatens their lives."

Libya's pious pretense of opposition to terrorism was cited by a number of Arab and Third World delegates on Wednesday in their attacks on the U.S. air raids. Savitri Kunadi of India stated blandly, "The non-aligned countries have consistently condemned all forms of terrorism, and Libya has also declared itself against all terrorist operations. U.S. operations were therefore all the more unjustifiable." The Omani delegate termed the U.S. charges of terrorism against Libya "obscure," and noted that, "Libya has itself

denounced the attack on the TWA aircraft...The Arab states remain hostile to terrorism in all its forms. That was why they condemned Israeli terrorism as well as the terrorism known as apartheid."

NEVERTHELESS, the glaring discrepancy between Libyan protestations of innocence of terrorism and its open calls for attacks on any and all Americans appeared to be too much for some delegations, which might in the past have used such a crisis simply to condemn the U.S. for its violation of another state's territorial sovereignty. Li Luyue of China gave expression to the evolving majority feeling here that both sides merited condemnation, when he said, "China has always opposed and condemned all forms of terrorism and opposed the use of terrorist means in carrying out political struggle. At the same time, it opposes the encroachment upon the territory of a sovereign state under the pretext of striking against terrorism."

The Chinese statement was similar to a *communiqué* by Perez de Cuellar, in which he "deplored sponsorship by UN member states of terrorist activities which are contrary to the charter and involve the killing of innocent civilians...and also deplores the military action of one member state against another."

Summing up the mood here Wednesday as the debate dragged on, a representative of a normally pro-Western Asian country said, "The very genuine anti-American feeling created here by this cowboy-like attack on Libya by Mr. Reagan is mitigated a great deal by a heightened concern about the open support of terrorism by Gaddafi. There is a great deal more concern here about the dangers of terrorism for all countries than there was a few years ago."

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## What the future may hold for Gaddafi

(Continued from previous page) about the activities of his hit men in Europe against his opponents, Gaddafi said: "It is the legitimate right of the people to liquidate the enemies of the revolution."

His ideology encompasses support for terrorist groups among the Palestinians, throughout Africa, in

Nicaragua, and even in Granada prior to the U.S. intervention. "Gaddafi is very consistent in his support for world revolution. There is nothing new in his latest pronouncements on this score," she pointed out.

THE LIBYAN leader is very much a

crusader for the expansion of militant Islam, constantly telling audiences that their only salvation is via conversion to Islam. He has spent many millions on building mosques around the world. It was interesting to hear from the scholar that Gaddafi excused his invasion of Chad by the need to protect Moslems there.

Ronen also reminded me that Gaddafi's tribe belongs to the Senusi sect of the Sunni majority of Islam. Interestingly, that sect had declared a *jihad* (holy war) on the Italian colonial rulers.

What used to be the poorest country in the world has witnessed meteoric growth into an oil-rich centre. Urbanization has proceeded apace and by 1984 about 1.3 million out of Libya's 3.62 million population lived in Tripoli. In recent years the decline in Libya's oil revenue has caused him serious problems, for he has had less money to fund his international revolutionary and terrorist activities, and for his own domestic

purposes. Ronen quoted Opec estimates indicating a dramatic decline, especially in the past four years.

As to opposition to Gaddafi, Ronen mentions the many unsuccessful conspiracies against him. What is reliably known is that on May 8, 1984 a major if unsuccessful attack was mounted against Bab-al-Azziziya, his headquarters and home surrounded by an armed camp, and one of the serious opposition groups later claimed it had initiated the attack. That was followed by a wave of internal terror.

As to the prospect of an alternative leadership, Ronen quips, "There is always an alternative leadership," retiring into her academic caution by noting that "a number of opposition foci exist. But right now we do not know what is happening over there—whether a rebellion indeed took place. Once the clouds disappear, conjecture might be in order, but until then everything is open."

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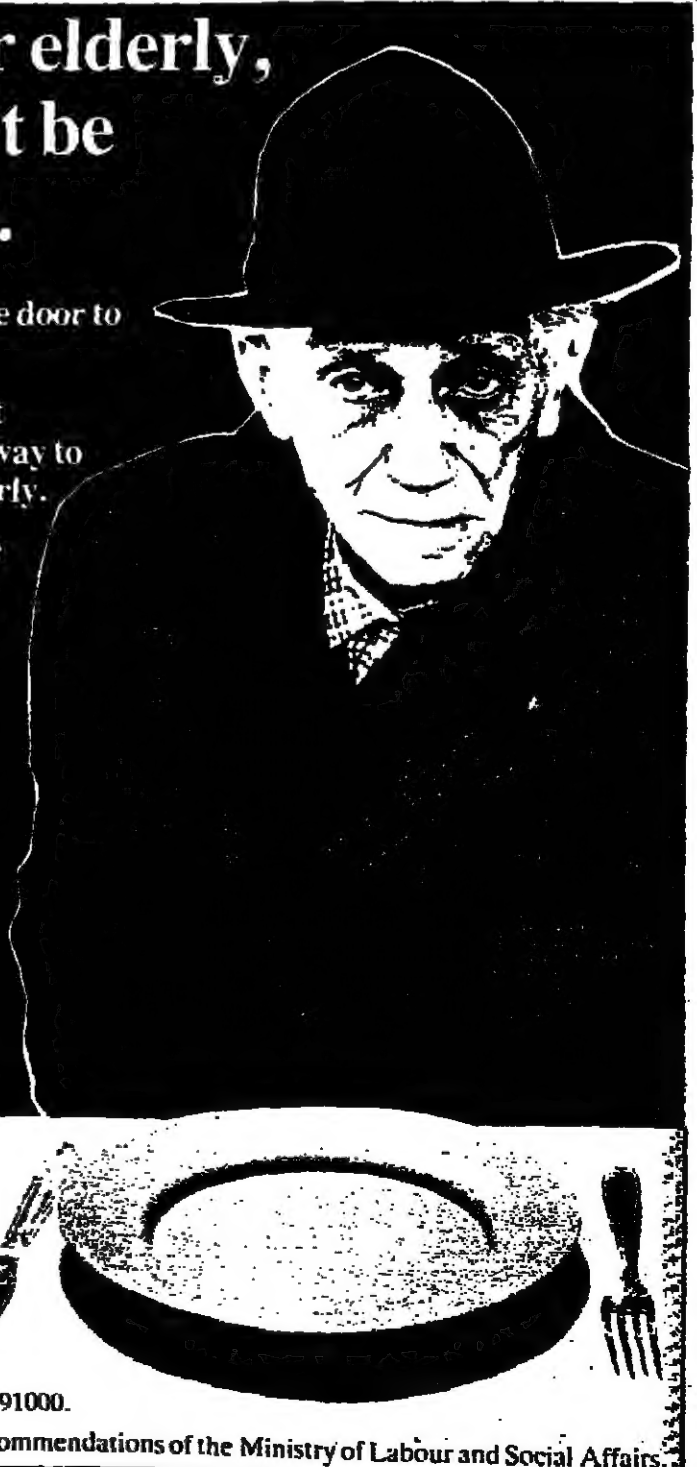
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# Calculated moves

The latest political crisis was artificial, the parties acted out of partisan interests and displays lack of concern for the electorate, writes ROY ISACOWITZ



THE PUBLIC statements by political leaders that accompanied the Modai crisis were dissembling and disingenuous. The agreement that was finally reached - to install a jurist as the finance minister and an economist as the justice minister - was merely the latest in a long list of insults by the country's brazen leadership.

Both parties seem to operate on the principle that if an untruth is repeated often enough it will become true. A case in point is the contention that the Labour-Likud government was an altruistic partnership for the sake of economic recovery. Untrue: it was a marriage of convenience by two parties, neither of which was prepared to forfeit a piece of the action.

Similarly, the claim, peddled by both parties last week, that elections at this stage would lead to economic catastrophe is also untrue, for the watchdog role and veto power of each party would be likely to prevent election economics of the Ahdut variety. The worst that would happen would be the failure to levy certain unpleasant taxes on the public, taxes which should probably not have been decided on in the first place.

In addition, there is reason to believe that Prime Minister Shimon Peres was assured during his recent visit to Washington that the U.S. would stand surety for Israel's economic stability during an election campaign. According to reliable sources, one commitment was the \$500 million purchase of Israeli military equipment.

THE PARTIES did not push the crisis as far as elections, because both were profoundly insecure about their prospects with the electorate, and Labour did not believe that the issue - Modai's insubordination - was sufficiently substantial. Had either party calculated differently, we would be at the start of an election campaign by now.

Another misconception popularized by the party leaderships is that agreements (in this case the rotation agreement) have to be honoured. Israel's political history is littered with unhonoured agreements. Ironically, the very people in the Likud who speak most piously about the sanctity of agreements are prominent among those calling the government to renege on its commitment in

the peace treaty with Egypt to reset the Tel-e-Sultan refugees. It's all a question of who gains advantage.

The rotation agreement will be honoured as long as Labour believes it has no viable alternative means of forming a government. But offer them an alternative and they will find a way of scrapping rotation. The corollary holds true for the Likud. Rotation is sacred until mid-October; after that, if the government is still in existence, Labour will suddenly become a devotee of parity, while the Likud will find ways of implementing its own world view.

IN ISRAELI politics, agreements work best when concluded in secret and wielded for maximum partisan advantage. When Peres announced

his intention to fire Modai, during a stirring address at the Labour convention last week, he neglected to mention that he had met and discussed a possible solution to the crisis with Ariel Sharon the previous night.

Had he mentioned the meeting, he would probably not have sailed through the convention on a wave of heroism, as he succeeded in doing. Had the Modai crisis not been at its height, the rotation debate on the last night of the convention would undoubtedly have been a lot more fractious, and might even have resulted in the limitation of Peres's political maneuverability.

In strategic terms, the crisis went Peres's way. His goal was not to precipitate the collapse of the gov-

ernment, but to lever Modai out of the Finance Ministry. As justice minister, Modai will not be able to prevent - as he had threatened - the transfer of funds of Solei Boneh and Kupat Holim, which is a major concern of the Labour prime minister.

Catching Modai by the tip of his tongue was a far more elegant way of curbing his power than the recent attempt to expropriate economic responsibilities for Peres in the misnamed "growth crisis". That crisis had little to do with real growth, just as Modai's later remarks had little to do with real ministerial responsibility. But they both served the end of having funds transferred to Herut Ha'Ovdim enterprises without obstruction. From Labour's point of view,

Moshe Nissim, a novice finance minister if ever there was one, should be far more amenable to Labour's family largesse. And if not, the distress of Solei Boneh can always be dressed in pretty clothes and lead to a coalition crisis.

UNTIL OCTOBER, Peres can hardly do much wrong. The Modai crisis proved yet again that no force short of nuclear will dislodge the Likud from government. Bluster and brinkmanship notwithstanding, the Likud would not have resigned en masse from the government (a fact which was acknowledged by a very relieved Likud official after Sunday night's agreement) and would have sold out Modai for far less had it been compelled.

On personal issues, at least, Peres has the Likud at gunpoint. The Likud is all too aware that its voluntary resignation from the government would leave Peres in place, either to establish a narrow-based government or to enter elections as caretaker prime minister.

The ways Peres might have been damaged by the crisis are less tangible. It is reasonable to assume that the public was disgusted with the antics of the government, and that at least part of that disgust would rub off on Peres. He also put himself in a position, following the Sharon crisis, the Modai crisis, the growth crisis and the Tabat mini-crisis, of being in danger of crying wolf.

When a real crisis comes along, as it probably will, he will be hard put to persuade the voters that it is not just another maneuver for political advantage. He cannot afford many more close encounters.

The Shimon Peres image of April 1986 is a disconcerting hybrid. The "scheming" politician of the Seventies and early Eighties has merged into the statesman of the past 18 months. Not only do observers have difficulty figuring where one begins and the other leaves off, but one gets the impression that Peres himself has the same difficulty.

Peres's actions during the various crises that have punctuated his rule have had an almost split-personality quality to them: the politician takes the gap and presses the advantage, but the statesman refrains from delivering the coup de grace. The outcome, invariably, is neither statesmanlike nor politically advantageous.

FOR THE Likud, the crisis was a humiliating experience. The bark and bite of early in the week, when the Likud ministers vowed bravely to resign en bloc rather than sell out a colleague, gave way to wild and wonderful compromise proposals as Peres's deadline neared.

The choice of Nissim for the finance post was not dictated by any estimation of job suitability, but by David Levy's rivalry with Shimon Peres's abhorrence of Sharon. Modai's dislike of Peres and so on. Nissim was merely the least unsuitable of the candidates, which for the Likud is no compliment.

The crisis and its denouement exacerbated the power struggle within Herut and brought the merger with the Liberals no closer. Significantly, it may have marked the beginning of the long-awaited falling out between Levy and Sharon. The actions of Sharon in negotiating independently with Peres and of Levy in sinking Sharon's formula gave warning that their rivalry for the Herut leadership lies only inches below their surface alliance.

Herut today is a tribute to the binding power of self-interest. Despite the explosive tensions in the party, it is highly unlikely that Herut will allow Labour off the rotation hook by self-destructing.

IN THE short term, Labour emerged from the crisis with its position marginally improved. Modai has been removed from the Treasury, which gives Labour a fighting chance of keeping state aid to Solei Boneh alive when the "genuine" crisis arises.

That should not take too long, depending on how quickly and energetically the U.S. administration puts its shoulder to the wheel. Peres and his party are counting on the U.S. to provide a solid foreign policy initiative that will be both appealing to a large segment of the electorate, and sufficiently abhorrent to the Likud to cause its withdrawal from the government.

The prospect of such an initiative has sustained Labour's hopes since the establishment of the government. Following the disappointment of Jordan's failure to enter into the peace talks, Labour's thoughts have once again turned to Egypt. This time, it is not only Tabat that is on the agenda, but a plan for an Israeli-

Egyptian accommodation in the Gaza Strip.

It is, of course, by no means certain that the U.S. will succeed in persuading Cairo to explore the Gaza option. If it does, there is still no guarantee that the explorations will bear fruit, or that the Likud's adherence to power will prove less durable on an ideological issue than it does on matters of personality.

If Egypt does not provide an opening on Gaza, and barring any dramatic developments with Jordan, it is difficult to imagine how Labour can avoid rotation. "I for one will resign if we have to go through another one of these," a senior Labour minister said at the height of the Modai crisis. That sentiment is probably an understatement of the public's attitude.

IN THE long term, neither rotation nor early elections will resolve the problems that were exposed so glaringly by the crisis. Foremost among those problems is the utter lack of accountability of the country's political parties to those they presume to represent.

Israel's politicians are little worse than most of their counterparts around the world, and probably better than many. But they operate within, and are dependent on, a system which breeds contempt for the electorate. Those who seek to represent us are responsible mainly to themselves and their party bosses. The public comes into the picture only once every four years, and then its sole function is to decide how many of each party, and not who, will sit in the Knesset.

On several recent occasions, Peres has expressed himself in favour of electoral reform, and his party's new draft platform contains a clause to that effect. But the parties are evidently content only to pay lip service to reform. For months now, a private member's bill that would introduce a mixed proportional constituency system has been languishing in the Knesset for want of support.

It's about time that politicians from all the parties realized the damage they are doing themselves and their institutions by perpetuating Israel's oligarchy-in-disguise. And if they are not prepared to do something about it, it's about time the electorate found a way of informing them that they should.

## It takes two to tango

TWO OLD friends met one sunny day on a street corner. "How's life?" one of them asked.

"Well," came the answer, "considering the alternative..."

This old joke is an explanation of the conduct of the last political crisis, and perhaps also of the general dynamics of crisis management inside the national unity government. The alternative to resolving the crisis through compromise was, of course, early elections; but to leaders of both major parties it seemed worse than climbing down from the tree.

For the Likud this was quite obvious. The first months after the Herut convention is not the best time to run for office. From the Liberals' point of view it would have been even worse. The negotiations with Herut on the formation of the united party - i.e. ensuring the cabinet posts and Knesset mandates of the Liberals - are still far from conclusive, and there is a danger that in the event of early elections, Herut's leaders will not sign any agreement. If that were the case, the Liberals would face a tragic dilemma: either to agree to a sharp reduction in their parliamentary - hence also governmental - power, or to take the risk of running on their own ticket, which would end with the same result. Whatever they might have done in case of early elections, they would have lost, without being able to escape a painful choice between two bad alternatives.

The situation looks even more ironical if one bears in mind that prior to the recent conflict between the Liberals' leader Yitzhak Modai and Prime Minister Peres, they had another latent option, to quit the Likud and form some kind of partnership with Labour. Rumours about secret talks aiming at a parliamentary upheaval have already been opened. But now, since the crisis has been about the very relationship and mutual respect of Peres and Modai, such a change in the political arena is very unlikely. Therefore, the Liberals' capacity to put effective pressure on Herut to persuade them to sign the insurance policy is less and less real.

An adequate analysis of the situation should have led to the conclusion

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sion that the Liberals, even more than Herut leaders, would not take the risk of early elections. Nevertheless, they were not pushed too hard, neither by Peres nor by Herut. How can this be explained?

It was not a matter of brotherhood and deep friendship on the side of the Herut. Herut could not unite and propose one acceptable candidate to the Ministry of Finance. Deputy Premier Shimon Peres was ready to head the troublesome ministry if and only if it would have been possible for Modai to return to his office after the rotation. When he realized that this was impossible, he decided to stay on at the foreign ministry.

David Levy and Ariel Sharon both wanted the Treasury, letting a wedge be driven between them, but neither was approved: Sharon, who for both ideological and political reasons does not want to endanger the prospects of the rotation, played it rationally when he decided on Moshe Nissim as Modai's successor. Now Herut will have to pay the Liberals more for the unification of the Likud, because the hour to pressure them was missed. But it is a reasonable price to pay for safeguarding the rotation.

ON THE other hand, one wonders why Peres did not take the bull by the horns and insist on his first demands. This would have led to a major crisis and maybe early elections at a bad time for his opponents.

Of course, it is not a matter of altruism. Besides his wish to protect his own credibility, Peres also feels that the public is very much against early elections on the grounds of inter-cabinet or coalition issues. A possible agreement with King Hussein, or at least a real start of an Israeli-Jordanian peace process, could change the public atmosphere as well as the political realities; but at the moment the monarch does not seem too eager to play Peres's card, and the political momentum remains hypothetical. A crisis because of Modai's interviews could not provide the necessary psychological

background for a political change. Hence, early elections were seen as being worse than finding a compromise with Shimon and Modai.

It appears that none of the political actors is ready to face public criticism and bear responsibility for breaking the national unity - a myth which gives sufficient answers to the deep psychological needs of a society in distress.

THE UNKNOWN is always frightening, especially when it relates to important subject matters. War and peace, acts of terror, inflation and unemployment - all these and other crucial issues affect daily life in Israel. Not only political leaders but almost everybody is affected by uncertainty. But since the natural quest for certainty is far from being answered, it is transcended into a quest for stability which, following the last, indecisive elections, becomes a quest for national unity. What has been only a no-choice solution for the politicians reflects some of the deepest feelings of the nation.

This is why the national unity coalition has successfully survived until now all the crises it has faced. The cabinet with a deputy premier beside the prime minister answers the public's need in a way it prefers. And since both political parties know that a failure to satisfy the public's needs may lead to the loss of the electorate's support in the next elections, they behave accordingly. All the rest is detail.

The consequences are clear. As long as both sides feel that a crisis is worse than a compromise, the national unity government will survive and the rotation will be more than likely to take place. But once one of them feels - correctly or incorrectly - that a continuation of the partnership is worse than having early elections, we shall have them. It takes two sides to sign and keep an agreement, but only one side is enough to break it. The rationalization will, of course, be provided on "objective" grounds: either on the assertion that it's the other side's fault or that new, important decisions must be taken for the sake of the country, even at the price of breaking the agreement. And all the rest will be detail.

## THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE

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during the recent crisis. One sees the touch of a skilled legal hand in Peres's argument that his letter to all government members after the previous collective responsibility crisis, which resulted from Ariel Sharon's attacks on the prime minister, constituted an amendment to the coalition agreement. That letter may properly be considered a functional equivalent of Begin's code of behaviour.

IT MAKES sense to believe Peres. There was no grand political strategem underlying his defence of the constitutional principle of collective responsibility. If he had intended to use the issue as an excuse to avoid the rotation, he would hardly have picked a fight with Yitzhak Modai, leader of a faction that might be a potential partner in a narrow government. Rather, he would have hit out at Herut, in a manner designed to isolate it from its coalition allies.

It is irrational to suppose that Peres would choose as the occasion for scuttling the national unity government an issue which, as he surely must have anticipated, was widely perceived as a matter of personal prestige, rather than of national policy. Moreover, he would neither have sought nor accepted a compromise solution to the crisis.

It is the nature of the compromise that clouds the issue of collective responsibility on which Peres took his stand. As a matter of constitutional principle, Modai should have been fired from the government, not just from his post at the Finance Ministry. The compromise on Modai, therefore, was also a compromise of the principle for which Peres had initiated the crisis.

BUT THIS compromise should be appraised in the light of the long-standing opposition to granting the prime minister the dismissal power, prior to the adoption of the 1981 law. When a similar proposal was presented by Shulamit Aloni in 1976, then justice minister Haim Zadok expressed the government's opposition to copying the British model, stating that in Israel's coalition real-

after the rotation. It makes sense only as a bending of constitutional principle (which mandated Modai's discharge) in the light of the realities of coalition government, particularly of a government of national unity.

IT IS likely that Peres, when he entered into the present coalition, never believed that the unity government would live out its term to the rotation deadline. He may have expected to succeed by then in commencing negotiations with Jordan on a political settlement. The great ideological issue dividing the two major political camps would bring down the government, and elections, if they resulted, would constitute a national plebiscite.

King Hussein has preserved the national unity government. As long as negotiations on a comprehensive settlement are not in the offing, it is likely to survive, at least until a more attractive alternative appears. This does not seem likely in the near future.

Meanwhile, it would be well to take Peres at his word. The putative super-sophistication that has spawned all the deep and dark intrigues, plots, and counter-plots of recent days from the fertile imagination of the political pundits found a ready reception with a public that regards only the obvious as credible. The seemingly disingenuous explanation of recent events, however, is the most rational - Peres means what he says.

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# Papal visit – the jury is still out

## A true first step: Practical content or a symbolic act?

By YISRAEL LIPPEL

THIS WEEK'S historic visit by Pope John Paul II to Rome's central synagogue was undoubtedly an important and positive event in itself. But it seems to me that its importance will be enhanced if the visit does not remain a symbolic act, but is injected with practical content.

The topics that arise from time to time in discussions of the present relations between the Christian establishment and the Jewish people are, on the one hand, those matters related to the generally hostile treatment of Judaism and the Jews by Christianity; and on the other, the non-recognition by the principal international Christian establishment, the Vatican, of the first and only Jewish state in Eretz Yisrael after 2,000 years of exile, granted us by the mercy of God.

The history of Christian enmity towards Judaism rests on three fundamental accusations: deicide; the non-recognition of the Christian messiah by the Jewish people, which was therefore uprooted from its land and dispersed in exile; and the lack of inherent justification of the Torah, the commandments and the unique Jewish tradition. At most, Christianity considers the latter to be temporary instruments, designed to transmit to Christianity God's promise to Abraham and his descendants.

THE LATE Canon Peter Schneider, who in recent years was designated by the archbishop of Canterbury to maintain contacts between the

Anglican Church and the Jewish world, once noted that the disputes following the Second Vatican Council's liberalization of policy towards the Jews in 1965 focused primarily on the first two points. But it was precisely the third point, maintained Schneider, that had led directly to the distortion of the image of Judaism in Christian eyes over the generations. This, too, demanded immediate correction, said Schneider, if we really wanted to further a profound religious dialogue.

The visit to the Rome synagogue by the head of the Catholic Church and his meeting with its rabbi "on his own turf" does not alter Israel-Vatican relations one bit; but they could represent a first step by the Church towards a positive and respectful attitude about Judaism, its spiritual leaders and its religious centres in the Diaspora.

The visit will certainly arouse growing interest on the part of Christians throughout the world, and not only Catholics, in what might be termed "the Jewish roots of Christianity." This of course entails a greater emotional willingness by Jews to extend Christianity all the required aid for a better study and understanding of Judaism.

BUT HERE we touch upon a serious problem in the spectrum of developing relations between various Christian circles, led by the Vatican, and the Judaism of today. These relations have been distorted

for years by their being conducted between Christian believers and mostly secular Jewish representatives of national or social organizations. The dialogue has been between the representatives of a religion and the various envoys of a people; it has been asymmetrical and thus undesirable, and mainly unproductive.

This situation has followed primarily from the opposition of Orthodox Judaism to religious dialogue. Jewish secularists – whose approach to dialogue is cultural, scientific and historic – have been drawn to this serious and painful subject in order to fill the vacuum. But this time the Jewish side was represented by a more suitable partner for dialogue: the chief rabbi of Rome, who included in the historic visit most of the rabbinic leaders of Europe.

To our regret, Pope Paul VI did not understand this – or did not want to understand – on his visit to the Holy Land in 1964; when he sought to ignore not only the host country, but even refrained from visiting the home of the then chief rabbi, Yitzhak Nissim.

OBVIOUSLY a change in the attitudes of Christian believers towards Jews and Judaism will not come about by the study of texts. There is a need for live encounters with Jewish reality – and this was an additional positive point about the pope's synagogue visit.

The visit was positive for Judaism, especially after the Holocaust, at least because it may serve to reduce anti-Semitism. It was also positive for Christianity, by revealing its roots as it addresses the secular and technological crisis facing the entire world today and for stirring its conscience regarding the Jewish question. As the American Christian theologian, Prof. Roy Akrat maintained, reconciliation in our era is more a Christian problem than a Jewish one.

GOOD RELATIONS between groups of Jews and Christians, in-



Pope John Paul II and Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff enjoy a light moment shortly before the pope left Rome's central synagogue. (Reuter telephoto)

cluding an interest in what happened in the past and an attempt to understand common roots better, already exists in Israel. Events such as the pope's synagogue visit may give them more serious momentum. The Jerusalem Institute for Interfaith Relations, which I head, last year hosted visits by more than 500 groups of Christian pilgrims from throughout the world. They came to meet Jews, to study Judaism, its commandments and its traditions, and anything connected with the Jewish roots of Christianity. But what about the Vatican's di-

plomatic recognition of Israel? Anyone who follows the development – or non-development – of this issue acknowledges two main reasons: theological and political. Experts maintain that immediately following the establishment of the state, there was greater misunderstanding of the theological reasons than the political ones; while today this relationship is reversed.

To tell the truth, the situation does not bother me too much. For all the years I was responsible for relations with Christianity, as director-general of the ministry of Religious

Affairs, I never felt that anything on the practical level was harmed by the absence of formal recognition by the Vatican. When I represented Israel at the coronation of the last two popes, I was accorded the same attention and privileges as the representatives of any other state or religion who came to Rome. In any event, if I had to decide between demanding of Christianity diplomatic recognition of the State of Israel or a true recognition of the people and tradition of Israel, I would prefer the second alternative without hesitation.

## Goren sees little gain for Judaism

By JOEL REBIBO  
For The Jerusalem Post

THE VISIT of Pope John Paul II this week to Rome's main synagogue was a diplomatic slap in the face to Israel, and Judaism gained little, although it could result in a lessening of anti-Semitism, says former chief rabbi Shlomo Goren.

"His visit was most definitely negative for Israel," Goren said this week in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*. "He was attempting to build a bridge of friendship to the Jewish people while ignoring Israel – the representative of the Jewish nation. By not mentioning Israel, he hurt the soul of the Jewish people. Israel is an integral part of Judaism."

"How can he stand before the world to reach out for friendship without mentioning Jerusalem, the home of the temple, the heart of our prophecies?"

"The pope was demonstrating the Vatican's opposition to the establishment of the State of Israel and the Jewish right to Jerusalem. But you can't appease the Jewish people without appeasing the State of Israel."

Judaism, per se, gained little by the historic first visit by a pope to a synagogue.

"We don't need the approval or recognition of the pope," says Goren. "Judaism was the first

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## Pope stressed 'right' things, avoided controversy

By GEOFFREY WIGODER

IN THE Middle Ages, the great cathedrals of Europe contained the contrasting figures of the Church and the Synagogue portrayed as two women – the Church erect, triumphant, crowned, the Synagogue downcast, blindfold, with broken staff. The Christians referred to "the synagogue of Satan" (the appellation was in use until this century) and those who worshipped there were

regarded as in the service of the devil. It is against this historical perspective that the full symbolic significance of the pope's visit to the Rome synagogue can best be appreciated.

The fact that the words spoken broke little ground should have surprised nobody. Despite enthusiastic anticipation of "opening a new era" (some seemed to expect a historic

declaration on the State of Israel), nothing of the kind was ever realistically on the cards. The Vatican saw the occasion not as the start of a new era but as putting the seal on the old era which began in 1965 with the Vatican Council Declaration on the Jews ("Nostra Aetate").

The importance of this declaration, even more than its quashing of the traditional charge of deicide, lay in the process it set in motion. Vatican documents, such as the 1974 "Guidelines," began to speak of Judaism and the Jewish People in new terms for the Catholic Church –

of continuing validity instead of fossilization, of a living religion instead of a faith that had been abrogated. This received practical expression in various ways, ranging from the cessation of Catholic missions to Jews to the spread of fruitful dialogue on many levels.

OF COURSE, the hostilities and suspicions of 19 centuries could not disappear overnight and traditional prejudices continued to make their appearance in various contexts. The Jewish world has been particularly affronted by the failure to accord official recognition to the State of

Israel – whether politically or theologically motivated, or both – but even here progress has been made, especially when compared with the Vatican's bitter anti-Zionism of not so many decades ago. Conservative interpretations on both sides accounted for continuing friction.

Moreover, strange things were happening at the top in the Vatican, with the pope speaking in two voices. On the one hand, he was making positive statements: Judaism is a living legacy and the Covenant with the Jews was never retracted by God (Mainz, 1980); Jews and Christians move in diverse, but in the end convergent, paths with the help of God, who has never ceased living with his people (Rome, 1982); the Jews in the State of Israel preserve in that land previous testimonies to their history and faith and for them we must ask the desired security and the due tranquility (Easter, 1984); and a condemnation of anti-Semitism and reaffirmation of commitment to "Nostra Aetate" (Vatican, 1985).

On the other hand, in a series of addresses over the past four months, the pope referred to Jews as having killed Jesus (I); to the Church as the "New Israel" which had replaced the "old" Israel, which was wandering in search of salvation; and to the "sin" of Israel in rejecting Jesus.

This series of comments harking back to the pre-deicide mentality enraged and puzzled Jews – including those engaged in dialogue with the Vatican – who felt the need for a serious Jewish reaction. The contradictions in the pope's speeches were explained by some as reflecting the current struggle at the Vatican between liberal and conservative forces.

But was the pope really the prisoner of his holy ghost-writers? It seemed unthinkable that such an independent personality did not decide his own words, especially on such sensitive topics.

Was the reference to Judaism as an "elder brother" a new departure for the pope and if so, what does it portend? Can the statement "The Lord will judge each one according to his own works, Jews and Christians alike" be seen as acknowledging a direct path of Judaism to God? In calling Jews "irrevocably the beloved of God," was he trying to correct the unfortunate impression left by his homilies? What does acceptance of "a legitimate plurality

of the social, civil and religious level" really mean? Surely when he says "Faith cannot be the object of exterior pressure," he is attacking forced proselytism. Is there not clear significance in the emphasis on Pope John XXIII and the statement that he sees himself as following John's heritage?

THE POPE'S carefully-prepared speech stressed all the "right" things – this was obviously no occasion for controversy. Much of what was said can be found in previous statements by the pope and the Vatican – only here they were buried for the few, here they were brought to the many.

Vatican-watchers have been analyzing the speech for original nuances (much that comes out of the Vatican is in a special "code" whose subtleties are appreciated by the experts). Already they are keenly discussing some of the phrases.

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BUT THE main lines were manifest: the commitment to the improved relationship with Judaism and the Jewish People which has emerged in recent decades and is seen for Christianity as a unique tie, different from that with any other faith-community; the recognition of a common spiritual heritage, and the desirability of fostering areas of cooperation, especially in the field of social action; and, most clearly, the condemnation of all forms of anti-Semitism. Of course there are also gaps, notably the absence of any mention of the State of Israel (the Vaticanologists will come up with various explanations for this omission).

There can be no doubt that the pope has sought to make a major gesture to the Jewish People. He has given an unmistakable signal to the Catholic world, which still contains widespread anti-Semitic elements. But the visit must not be allowed to obscure the very real problems and question marks continuing to beset Jewish-Catholic relations. The real success of the occasion will only be apparent in the sequel, especially in the future actions and statements of the pope himself, which will be carefully scrutinized in the light of the high standards he has set for himself and for the Catholic Church.

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# Nun seeks to bridge Jewish-Catholic gap

By HAIM SHAPIRO/Jerusalem Post Reporter

FOR MUCH of the world, it was a media event of major importance. But for Sister Kay MacDonald, this week's visit by the pope to the Rome synagogue was like the fulfillment of a dream.

MacDonald is the superior-general of the worldwide Notre Dame de Sion, an order of nuns who are dedicated, among other things, to furthering understanding between Christians and Jews. She acknowledges that a great deal has changed since, as a Catholic from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, she joined the order in 1949.

And far more has happened since the order was founded in the 19th century by two brothers who had converted from Judaism to Catholicism. In those days, she admits readily, furthering understanding meant missionary work.

We were speaking in her large convent in Rome, a mixture of traditional and modern buildings with extensive lush gardens. The convent overlooks much of the city of Rome. It is the centre of numerous international conferences and gatherings, and something of a focus of pilgrimage for those involved in interfaith work.

In the true spirit of religious sacrifice, she did not use one of the two tickets for the pope's visit which had been sent to the order. Instead, she sent two of the sisters who are involved in the day-to-day work of religious understanding, while she herself having rushed back to Rome from Vienna for the visit, watched it on television.

Much of the order's work involves teaching Christians about Jews and Judaism, teaching the Bible, for example, "in certain ways," giving Catholic students an idea of Jewish interpretations. She is also involved with "giving witness," a term which she interprets as showing Jews that Christians have an esteem and affection for them.

The order is also committed to "working for justice in the world," a theme which she feels is linked with the Jewish-Christian dialogue. If there is injustice, or racism towards one group, she reasons, it will also show itself towards others.

All this, she adds, they try to do humbly, and unpretentiously. But, as she readily agreed, in the Catholic



Sister Kay MacDonald

Church, a large part of such work involves reaching and influencing the hierarchy.

Very subtly, without any boasting, she acknowledged that the order is not without its influence in the world of priests, bishops and cardinals. "The Church asks us to be competent and give assistance in this area," is the way she puts it.

Their work is linked with that of the Commission for Christian Unity, which, strange as it may seem to Jews, is the office which deals with relations between Catholicism and Judaism. This is, of course, due to the special relationship which the Church believes it has with Judaism, a relationship which the pope mentioned during his address at the synagogue and one which people like Sister Kay take very seriously.

WHEN ASKED about differing points of view within the Church, that of a priest, for example, interviewed by this reporter only a few days before, who spoke of the two religions as "mutually exclusive," she found such an outlook one which she could understand, but not accept.

True, she said, Jews could not accept her view of Jesus, nor could she theirs, but aside from that, "everything you believe, I believe." On the other hand, she added, she could not subscribe to the view that "there

are many roads to salvation."

"The greatest command of God is to do what He asks of me. We understand that what He asks of us is different from you, but I cannot judge your view."

The visit, she felt, was an example of both trying to live "as God wants us to. Two priestly people are striving to live according to God's way."

But it is perhaps indicative of the gulf between the two faiths and their understanding of even the same event that this sister, who is involved on a day-to-day basis with understanding of Jews and Judaism, had a very different view of what the event meant.

Despite great efforts by Rome Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff to stress that the meeting was not a prayer gathering, Sister Kay described it as "church-like...not a social occasion." This was in answer to a question about her impression of the pope's behaviour in the synagogue.

Some Jewish observers, familiar with papal visits, said that he was far from his usual ebullient self. They thought that perhaps his subdued behaviour was due to the fact that this was one of the very few occasions in which he was in a strange place, not in control and uncertain of how to act.

As a faithful Catholic, Sister Kay will not criticize the pope, but she has ways of expressing what to a non-Catholic observer come close. Thus, when asked about the pope's Lenten sermons which appeared to revert to a pre-Vatican II theology, one which viewed the Jews as punished by God and guilty of deicide, she described such messages as "mysteries of faith" which can sometimes be painful.

THAT THERE is still work to be done is clear. Rabbi Toaff, in a conversation with journalists the day after the visit, also expressed his satisfaction, but when pressed as to whether there was any anti-Semitism in Italy, he told of a letter he had received from a woman in a provincial Italian town.

"The pope can visit you all he likes, but you're still the people cursed by God," he quoted the writer as saying. But, of course, despite comments such as that one, the visit



Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff and Pope John Paul II prepare for the start of the Rome ceremony.

was a personal victory of some magnitude for Toaff, who had scrupulously avoided any meeting with the pope which might be considered paying homage.

This was especially difficult for him in an atmosphere in which American Jewish leaders regularly had papal audiences. At the same time, it was also difficult for Toaff, even with the backing of the European Council of Rabbis, to act, knowing that there would be criticism of his action in some rabbinical circles.

On the day after the event, he had received a cable of congratulation from French Chief Rabbi Samuel Sirat, but had received no word from the Chief Rabbinate of Israel.

Toaff also recalled that in Jewish circles, too, there had been fear and misunderstanding. He recalled that when he was a child, a woman had come to his father, also a rabbi, for advice.

A priest had passed in the street and patted her son's head. What must she do?

"I SUFFER when I hear expressions which could be hurtful to others,"

Sister Kay said with the utmost sincerity.

We must struggle to describe each other in ways which do not hurt others, she said, adding that "the greatest sinfulness of both of us is here, and not way back in history."

In contrast to the Italian press, which tended to view the visit with jubilation, in front-page headlines which gave the impression that this was the final step in a long journey, she views it only as a beginning, something upon which to build.

She explained that the 1,200 nuns around the world under her charge are not solely involved with working towards Christian-Jewish understanding. They teach and work with the poor in such areas as South America and Arab Africa.

But the connection with Moslem countries and knowledge of the situation of Christians there does not make her any less vociferous on the subject of full Vatican relations with the State of Israel.

"I fully recognize the State of Israel and so does my congregation," she says, implying that the Vatican position in this matter is one

of those things that she would classify in the realm of "mystery."

"In this politically oriented world, I cannot, as a person involved in work for justice for the Jewish community, call for esteem and justice for the Jewish people and then deny them a political state," she says heatedly.

"Given 20th century history, I don't understand how anyone can deny that to a people who so often needed its own passport. That is the right of every Jew in the world."

That does not mean, she adds quickly, that she always agrees with the Israeli government, or that she would enter into a discussion on the validity of a Jewish view which regards Israel as a form of theological "fulfilment." "That's for you to judge."

But her questioning the Vatican position on Israel could not reduce her elation at the visit itself, "a world moment of beautiful history." She sees it as a step towards greater understanding and a mutual commitment to create a better world.

"After all, we both believe in eschatology, in a God who is concerned with history."

## Pope lauded over his trip to Cracow

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monotheistic religion, from which the others came."

(Goren isn't sure that Catholicism is monotheistic and calls it a "compromise, a combination of monotheism and pluralism." On a personal visit he made incognito to the Vatican many years ago, Goren got the impression that traces of paganism remain in religious rites. Belief in a trinity does not constitute "idol worship," according to Ashkenazic authorities, says Goren. Maimonides disagrees.)

Goren was consulted by members of the Rome Jewish community on halachic aspects of the visit. He strongly urged that the pope not wear the cross openly. Though the pope did not bring his customary staff and cross into the synagogue, he did not conceal the cross on his chest.

"I was very uncomfortable seeing the cross while he sat next to a holy ark," says Goren. "Over the past 1,700 years Jews paid dearly for that cross."

But Goren is convinced that Pope John Paul is a genuine friend of the Jews. On a recent trip to Cracow, Goren met a wealthy Jewish woman, a Mrs. Jacobovitch, who knows the pope from his university days. She says that he did his best to save Jews during the Holocaust and recently awarded her late husband a medal, which raised the esteem and status of Jews in Cracow.

This week's public demonstration of friendship with the Jews has a positive side. It may be seen by Catholics around the world as a sign that hatred of Jews is contrary to the Catholic religion.

"Anti-Semitism still burns strongly in Catholic countries," says Goren. "Catholicism planted the seeds of Jew-hatred 1,700 years ago, which finally culminated in the Holocaust. The pope's gesture may lessen the hatred."

STILL, Goren is wary of public gestures. As Ashkenazi chief rabbi, he sent many personal telegrams to the Vatican asking the pope to intervene on behalf of oppressed Jewry in Syria and Russia.

"I got all kinds of official protocols and speeches from the Vatican, but never got a positive response to my requests," says Goren. "It's not what a person does when the whole is watching that counts."

In the final analysis, says Goren, politically and religiously there will remain an unbridgeable gap between Catholic and Jews. The Vatican stands almost alone among Western Europe in not recognizing Israel, because "the return of the Jewish people to their homeland is to a certain degree a contradiction to the New Testament."

"Pope John XXIII was a friend of the Jews but in recently released correspondence from 1948, he wrote that the founding of the State of Israel must be fought."

On the other hand, Goren stands opposed to any religious dialogue and refused repeated overtures to join an ecumenical council when he was chief rabbi.

"My motto is the verse from Micha that reads, 'For all people will walk, everyone, in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever.'"

## Two key developments jolt Kenya's political tranquillity

By COLIN LEGUM/Nairobi

KENYA'S political tranquillity has been shaken by two separate developments which suggest that, despite his commanding power and authority, President Daniel arap Moi feels threatened by subterranean forces.

The first development has been the discovery of a plot by a group of radicals (some of them allegedly Marxists) to overthrow the government. Six members of the group have been sentenced for their part in publishing or possessing the seditious *Mpatanishi* (The Reconqueror), which outlines a programme for "liberating" Kenya from its present government.

There have also been a number of detentions in connection with this

plot, including that of a former dean in the faculty of commerce at the University of Nairobi, Isaiah Ngitho Kariki. This clandestine group is known as *Mwakanya*, believed to be an acronym for *Muungano wa Wazalendo Kukomboa Kenya* (Union of Nationalists to Liberate Kenya). Among those convicted or detained are a former university lecturer, a student leader who was expelled for his activism from the university, a businessman, a small farmer and a public servant.

The government has been concerned about the activities of leftist elements at the University of Nairobi ever since the abortive coup attempt by a section of the air force in August 1982. University students

and a number of academics were linked in the trials of those involved in the coup attempt.

HOWEVER, a much more serious development is an apparent attempt to remove Kenya's prestigious vice-president and minister of home affairs, Dr. Mwai Kibaki. Kibaki has emerged as the most significant Kikuyu leader since the disgrace of the former attorney-general, Charles Njonjo, in 1984. He is a veteran politician who has held key positions in every government since Kenya's independence, and was one of the triumvirate responsible for securing Daniel Moi's succession to the presidency after the death of Jomo Kenyatta.

The Kibaki affair is completely baffling, since he is known to be a loyal supporter of President Moi and has never shown any ambition to

advance his present position. He is also known to be strongly opposed to those elements among the Kikuyu who have never become reconciled to having a non-Kikuyu president.

Moi has added to the mystery surrounding the campaign against Kibaki by remaining completely silent over the affair. Kibaki's supporters are puzzled why, if the president is not in favour of the move to oust his vice-president, he has failed so far to declare his confidence in his deputy.

The campaign against Kibaki has its origins in a public meeting held in his constituency by former Mau Mau freedom fighters. A meeting of this kind is most unusual and requires official authorization—usually given only after consultation with the president himself. The meeting was used as an occasion by a discredited local politician and former member of

parliament to criticize Kibaki's supporters.

Moi promptly stepped into this row by declaring that if the political wrangling among supporters of the ruling Kanu party did not stop immediately, he would be forced to name in public the instigators of the troubles. Thereupon Kibaki made a sober statement in which he declared that he was unaware of any conflict in the constituency among recognized Kanu supporters.

This statement provoked an attack on him in parliament, in which he was criticized for having contradicted the president and thus showing disloyalty to him. This attack was led by Foreign Minister Elijah Mwangale, who is known to have nurtured ambitions in the past to the position of vice-president. Despite Kibaki's intervention in the debate, in which he insisted that

nothing he had said could be regarded as disloyalty to the president, the row in parliament turned into a stormy affair.

The upshot of the debate was to leave the feeling that Kibaki is under siege. But the reason for this campaign remains completely obscure, and has created an uneasy political atmosphere in the country. A simple statement by the president expressing his confidence in Kibaki and rounding on his vice-president's critics could end the uncertainty about Kibaki's future.

The puzzle is why he has so far failed to make this simple statement. The longer he delays in making his position clear, the more he is likely to fuel suspicions, especially among the Kikuyu, that their most prominent leader in the government is under threat.

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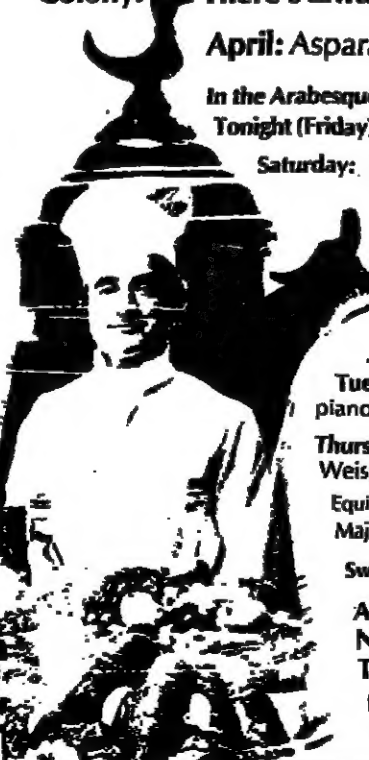
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WHO ELSE thinks the cabinet crisis engineered by Prime Minister Shimon Peres over the transfer of Yitzhak Moda'i from the Treasury to the Justice Ministry was like watching the Borgia family saga produced as a Yiddish musical comedy by Monty Python?

A cogent comment came to me in a letter to an Israeli friend from New Zealand writer James McNeish on returning home from visiting the Holy Land: "What the whole country needs is a fortnight's holiday."

Is Peres relying on the public's collective memory lasting, as usual, three-and-a-half days to restore his image?

It is then true, as Likud MK Dan Meridor, confidante of Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir, is quoted as saying, that the Likud will hang on until the rotation, even should Labour hand back the Western Wall?

What's the best definition of a human time-bomb? Answer: a disgruntled Moda'i waiting in ambush at the cabinet table.

Wonder what Moda'i thinks when he hears radio replays of Moshe Nissim's declaration: "How can Peres seriously think we'll ever agree to offer another minister in Moda'i's place?" At least Moda'i can comfort himself with the thought that Peres's proposal that his Liberal rival, Science Minister Gideon Patai, take over the Treasury was scuttled by other Likudniks.

PERHAPS Nissim should be crowned "acrobat of the week." It was enlightening to hear the new finance minister saying he finally agreed to take the job because "I wanted to avoid elections poisoning the atmosphere." He wouldn't be referring to Deputy Foreign Minister Ronnie Milo's revelation that his election jingo would be "Thieves, robbers, you stole the rotation," would he?

For all those of you worrying how Nissim can possibly implement the economic programme after having voted against it (like most Likud ministers), the answer is to watch how Foreign Minister Shamir implements the terms of the peace treaty with Egypt, which he opposed in the Knesset vote.

Friendly Liberal sources tell me that it took Nissim about 90 minutes on the phone to persuade his worried wife, Ruth, to agree that he take over the Treasury. Incidentally, it was as a young Liberal member in the Fourth Knesset that the younger son of Iraqi-born late Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim met Ruth, daughter



Moshe Nissim (Isaac Harari)



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## Questions they're asking

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of Rumanian-born Labour deputy finance minister Yitzhak Korn.

I GATHER that Shamir's relations are not the best with Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon. Some say the rift erupted after Arik saw himself outmaneuvered and denied the Treasury. Others say he never wanted it. It's a Rashomon-like situation, ensuing in two of Arik's contradictory statements: A. "I'm ready to be a trial balloon, but the Almighty help whoever tries to float me." And B. "What kind of games are you playing with me? Am I a candidate or not? But if I'm not the only one, I don't want my name mentioned."

Apparently it wasn't easy for the "Peres boys" — Government Secretary Yossi Bellin and media counselor Uri Savir — to follow the changes in the Likud position. At 5 p.m. in Peres's office they heard over the radio that Moda'i was quitting the government. At 5:15 on Gali Zahal's news, they heard he was staying put. Then upstairs in Bellin's office, they learned of Sharon's candidacy on the 6 o'clock news. At 7:30, the Alignment ministers arrived for a meeting of Sareinu (the Alignment caucus) at the conference room adjoining Peres's office, when

they ruled out Sharon. At 9, Peres walked next door to receive Shamir and have a meal with him while watching TV's *Mabat*, hearing from the Likud leader of the Nissim proposal, just as the rest of Sareinu were munching on their TV snacks, listening to *Mabat* on the other set. The food was cleared away in time for the arrival of the remaining ministers, and then ensued the shortest cabinet session on record.

DEPUTY Premier and Housing Minister David Levy has emerged as one of the few consistent Likud ministers. Incidentally, I can inform those of you curious as to where he was in Montreal, speaking (in French) at a Canadian Jewish Congress aliyah week. He's been to that city so often, they think he's become a supporter of Quebec Français.

RELIGIOUS Affairs Minister Yosef Burg's latest *bon mot* (at the Israel Bonds 35th anniversary conference dinner) was about a former UN secretary-general recently very much in the news. Burg referred to him as Kurt "Ge-Waldheim."

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Rights Movement leaders like MK Shulamit Aloni at Hebron, the head of the Judea and Samaria Settlements Council, Osnat Schneider, believed more like the sheriff of the Wild West Bank than the spokesman of the biggest group of recipients of taxpayers' hand-outs in the land. At least no one can accuse him or his friends of treating Jews differently from Arabs.

IT WILL take Na'amat chief Masala Lubelsky more than joining in Sarale Lubelsky's sing-song to drown the echoes from the Labour Party convention, where her demand for quotas for women in the party's executive forums could have ruined efforts by Labour Secretary-General Uri Baran to democratize the party.

THE ISRAEL TV report on the Labour confab had quite a scoop following around former Herutnik trucker David Cohen, 34, who now heads Labour's activities in the Biltzaron Quarter of Tel Aviv, confronting Sharon for whom he had named two of his children, Arik and Sharon.

Mazal tov to ex-police inspector-general Aluf (Res.) Herzl Shafir on his marriage, conducted quietly by Chief Army Chaplain Aluf David Navon, to Sigalit Priell. It was a

second time for both. The bridegroom is a widower (with young grandchildren) and the bride, the 10th child of an immigrant Iraqi family, is a divorcee with a daughter. Shafir was on the Yehud Knesset list in 1984, and his new wife has been an active Liberal for years.

CHANGES at the top of *Yedioth Aharonot*, the country's largest newspaper empire, have been making news this week, with a realignment in the wake of the lamented death last year of publisher Noah Mozes. His cousin, long-time managing editor Dov Yudkovsky, took over as editor-in-chief from Dr. Herzl Rosenblum, 83.

Mozes's son, Arnon (Noni), 33, became joint general manager with his cousin, Oded Mozes, 51, son of the late Alexander Mozes, whose father, the late Yehuda Mozes, bought *Yedioth* in the early '40s. Arnon's last-minute effort to block Yudkovsky's new appointment was stillborn, after a near midnight mass protest meeting of the newsmen was on the verge of strike action.

Yudkovsky is regarded in the Israeli media as a genius in editing and in labour relations. It is not widely known that Dr. Rosenblum is one of the few surviving signatories

of the Declaration of Independence (on behalf of the Revisionist Movement). Under David Ben-Gurion's pressure he Hebraized his name into Vardi for that historic document, but continued writing under his old name. He became editor in 1948, when his predecessor, the late Dr. Azriel Carlsbach, broke away with a group of senior newsmen to form the rival *Ma'ariv*.

LABOUR MK and Moshav Movement Rabbi Menahem Hacohen and Rabbani and author Devora convened a small gathering in their Ramat Gan home to celebrate the first anniversary of the aliyah of former Chief Rabbi of Ireland David Rosen, and of his wife Sharon. Rosen today is dean of the Pinhas Sapir Jewish Heritage Centre in the Old City of Jerusalem, of which Hacohen is chairman. Rosen is the third Irish Chief Rabbi to settle here. The most famous was the late Chief Rabbi of Ireland, Rabbi Yitzhak-Halevy Herzog, the second, now retired in Jerusalem, is Rabbi Israel Cohen.

PRESIDENT Herzog and his wife Aura tendered a luncheon in honour of an old friend, Sir John Barnes, former British ambassador to Israel (1969-72), and a twice-yearly visitor to this country. When the scheduled arrival in May of Premier Margaret Thatcher was mentioned, Sir John recalled her visit here as secretary of education and science in 1971, chuckling over how she got on so famously with then agriculture minister Haim Gvati. She even kissed him on both cheeks. He was unsure whether that historic event had been photographed, but he did know a photo existed somewhere of Thatcher perched high up on a tractor in a display of British farm equipment in Tel Aviv.

Also there was the Hon. Jacob Rothschild, heir to the British title, his wife, Serena, his daughter, Beth and son Nathaniel, and a family friend, Mrs. Camille Cazalet, a relative of the late Victor Cazalet, a friend of first president Chaim Weizmann and one of the Zionist movement's most active non-Jewish supporters in Britain. Apart from some prize-giving, the Rothschilds will tour the country and visit the Ramat Hanadiv mausoleum of their illustrious French relative, Baron Edmond, Beth, a botanist, told me she hoped to visit Kfar Hanassi, the kibbutz where she worked as a

volunteer some years ago. Other guests were Ayala Zachs-Abramow, who heads the Beit Hanassi art advisory committee, eminent psychoanalyst Prof. Julius Leher, and the Herzog's close family friend, Esther Rubin. Everyone admitted the marvellous flower painting by her late husband, Reuven Rubin, on the dining room wall.

A few days earlier I had seen the same view of the Caesarea aqueduct from the Rubin home, when she gave an *alfresco* luncheon in honour of Nella Rubinstein, widow of Arthur Rubinstein, who came here for the piano competition held in his memory. Heads of the Arthur Rubinstein Society like chairman Zalman Shoval and director Ya'acov (Yasha) Bistrinsky were there, along with friends and neighbours of the hostess like Minister Ezer and Renna Weizman. Roffie and Lola Beer-Ebner (known as the first lady of Israel fashion), Jewish Agency chairman Arye Duliz and wife Annette, Tel Aviv Museum director Marc Scheep, Mrs. Ziva (Chicha) Lahat who came minus her mayor, Sara Baruchin, director of Edmond de Rothschild's Israeli affairs (she was wearing one of her famous collection of headgear) and a cousin of her boss, Diane Bevevanti de Rothschild, sister of Barov Ede. They all met again at Beit Rubin midweek where Mrs. Rubinstein presented the Rubin Museum with four Rubin paintings bequeathed by her late husband.

THE Foreign Press Association held its Easter festival, despite the cabinet crisis, with FPA chairman Peter Allen-Frost performing wittily as emcee. He thanked colleagues Willy Bauman and Shabtai Tal for their contribution to making the event a success. FPA hard-working secretary Monique Zarool provided the ties (at the hall entrance) of Lufthansa P.R. hubby Yitzhak (Chucky) to improperly dressed guests, including one unidentified ministry spokesman. David Kribovich's Tayelet Orchestra could hardly be heard for the beepers. Government Press Office director Dr. Israel (Rollie) Peleg delivered a nice tribute, orally and in writing. Pity it contained two misspellings in English in six lines. It was not the finest hour of the Tel Aviv Hilton's catering staff. I do hope it was not their way of marking the promotion of Arnon Ben-Gurion (grandson of B-G) to assistant general manager for food and beverages.

A SHORT while after *The Gangster Chronicles* began, I praised it to the skies as one of the best television series to come out of the U.S. I must admit now that I was somewhat apprehensive that it would not maintain its high standard, although I did not express these doubts at the time. It is all too easy for a successful TV product to fall into the traps of repetition and formalization. There is a tradition, particularly in American television, that, if you get a good thing going, the safest thing is to repeat it over and over again.

Now that we can look back at the series as a whole, I am delighted to report that the producers resolutely avoided these pitfalls. And they did not yield on the whole to the temptations to use stereotypes, apart from Mr. Goldberg, the sweet and gentle Jewish tailor for whom Charlie Luciano and Chris once worked, and the two nice Jewish wives, who managed to come to terms with their affluent husbands not being lawyers, doctors and CPAs.

The tempo, excitement and grip on our emotions were maintained throughout every episode. The scenes hit with the impact of a bullet fired in anger by Bugsy Siegel. The series is subtitled correctly *An American Story* — I felt that there was a very authentic slice of American folklore captured on film with loving sincerity.

An obvious comparison is with *The Godfather*, which impressed us all so much a few years ago. Now, as I try to reconstruct that epic in my mind and to contrast it with *The Gangster Chronicles*, it seems to me to have been very self-conscious and rather phoney, a vehicle for Marlon Brando to show us what a devilishly good actor he was. I did not get this feeling about *The Chronicles*.

A couple of weeks ago I mentioned the curious psychological quirk that makes us TV viewers feel that they have to identify with somebody or something on the small screen. It does not matter if this is

## Gorgeous gangsters

TELEREVIEW / Philip Gillon

animal, vegetable or mineral, as long as we are able to take sides.

In the case of *The Chronicles*, our sympathy with the three main mobsters is total, although no effort is made to present them as anything but the horrifying monsters they undoubtedly were in real life. Two of them do have a few virtues, certainly not adequate to redeem them.

Charlie Luciano, the supreme boss of the organization, as acted by Michael Nouri, is tall and elegant. He has large, soft, luminous, brown, Italian eyes and he talks always in a soft, courteous voice, even when he is ordering a man's execution. Michael Lasker, the brain, as portrayed by Brian Benben, disapproves of slaughter but only because it is bad for business. He has another virtue — he is as devoted a family man as any Jewish father-in-law could wish for his daughter.

But it is beyond me to find anything good to say about Bugsy. In O. Henry's *Municipal Report*, when the most unpleasant character in town is murdered, and men crowd around the body trying to say something good about the deceased, somebody eventually comes up with, "When we were boys at school, Cass was the best speller in the class."

All the evidence points to Bugsy having been one of the worst spellers in the school. So it is difficult to find any excuse for identifying with him.

Nevertheless, we do sympathize with this offence to the human race: we are positively delighted when he evades the trap set for him, and we hope that his traitorous brother-in-law Davey will get it where the chicken got the chopper.

The script and dialogue are flawless. Charlie has some great lines, as when he tells Waxy Gordon that he must surrender Newark and poor Waxy says, "Over my dead body!" to which Charlie responds gently, "It can go that way too." Waxy gets the message. Then there is that great scene in the Cook County Jail, where he and Michael visit Al Capone. As they are leaving, he throws away a line over his shoulder that Chris sends her love, and Al realizes who put him where he is, and why.

A rather odd side-aspect of the identification reaction is that we are so proud of the Jews. We should be thoroughly ashamed of members of our race being mobsters. Yet I find myself thinking how remarkable we are to keep up with those Italians in the commission of dreadful deeds.

We saw a real life aspect of this weird Jewish behaviour in the hero's welcome given to Samuel Flatto-Sharon, a welcome that so distressed Lova Eliav as an indication of the decline in Israeli ethics. If the French allegations against Flatto-Sharon are true, he has robbed thousands of widows, orphans and pensioners.



'The Gangster Chronicles' ... keeping up with the Italians

The fact that he goes to such extraordinary lengths — even stooping to become a Member of Knesset — to avoid standing trial seems to indicate that he does not feel that the charges are without foundation. Yet he has become a folk hero here just like the gangsters became in the U.S.

Perhaps we idolise the wrongdoers because they live so well, while the rest of us live so poorly. Instead of being dubbed *An American Story*, the film might have been sub-titled *The Great Israeli Dream*. The mobsters have endless amounts of illicit dollars at their disposal. An old proverb tells us that "Stolen pleasures are sweetest" — in Israel we think that stolen dollars are the most delightful.

The mobsters don't waste the lovely stuff by saving it or investing it, they spend it. Remember this in the time of the Great Depression, but the worse things get for the rest of the folk, the higher the gangsters' standard of living soars. Whenever we see them — planning a murder, or having a business discussion, or en-

For those who are lucky, it provides mutual and enriching strength, but for others it can corrupt and destroy, particularly if one person is using the other.

It was this second kind of love that F. Scott Fitzgerald depicted with such subtlety and precision in his novel, probably as a result of his own experiences with Zelda. The producers of the film have interpreted the book with fidelity and skill. Peter Strauss acts superbly the difficult part of Dr. Dick Diver, at the beginning a man of great strength sustaining others, at the end, because of his corrosive devotion to Nicole, a weakling and an alcoholic. As he builds up Nicole to be independent of him, his own character decays. It is rather reminiscent of what happened to Dorian Grey and his portrait.

The same theme of the disintegrative power of love provided the framework for a very unusual British film, *The Grounding and the Kite*. In the opening scenes two men in their thirties travel on the river in a motorboat with others. One of them, Peter, makes sardonic remarks, culminating in a comment on an old man fondling a young man, "Nancy boy!"

When they get to the door of the apartment block where they live, he says suddenly, "I love you!" and kisses the other man, Jimmy, passionately on the mouth. It was a well-contrived scene, obviously designed by the scriptwriter, Robert Preston, who also acts the part of Jimmy, to shock us right out of our armchairs. He succeeded.

Peter is a teacher of English literature in a comprehensive high school, who composes poems and songs for the delectation of himself and his lover. Jimmy is employed in a managerial role in a business which produces pop songs; he dreams of going into production for himself. We get the impression at first that Peter, with his caustic wit, is the strong one, Jimmy the weak dependent, but gra-

dually we realize that the contrary is true. In the end Jimmy uses the power of Peter's love for blackmail.

WHEN I praised *Near Ones* and *Dear Ones* so enthusiastically last week, I had some inner doubts that I did not express: I feared that the idea of making Yehoram six years old was so good that the producers would be tempted to go on using it. The trouble with humorous work is that it is so hard to get a funny concept that, when a writer does think of one, he drags it out until it becomes as attenuated as chewing-gum pulled to the point of almost being transparent.

Sure enough, this week's episode began with Yehoram still in his hypnotic trance. In the first half, the jokes were obvious and our laughter was rather dutiful. Then Rivka Michael came on the scene as Rivka the teacher/monster. From then on it was a riot. She was terrific, particularly as she did not overact, but changed from monster to playgirl to teacher doubting her own sanity with style and aplomb. Lovely stuff!

Our Israeli comedy stood up very well to a comparison with *No Place Like Home*, the new British sitcom. The British script, direction, production and acting were in no way superior to the comparable work of the Israelis. So let us pray that the powers that run television will be inspired with enough courage to make more comedies.

Somebody asked me why I am always clamouring for more comedies when no fiction can be as funny as our cabinet crises, which begin with bangs and end on notes so muted that we cannot even call them whimpers. All those mighty alarms and excursions, those magnificent ultimatums and fiery orations, just to get two ministers to exchange portfolios! For this the country's nerves were set on edge for more than a week? It really was very funny, although I never laughed once.

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# Ben-Gurion versus the Hagana

ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

**MONTHS BEFORE** the outbreak of the War of Independence in 1948, neither the Hagana high command nor the various Arab governments believed that the Arab armies would attack the Jewish state upon its birth. It was David Ben-Gurion who first sensed the likelihood of this happening. The Hagana leadership came around to his view only seven months before the war while the Arab states themselves made the decision only four days before they sent their armies across the border.

These facts emerged this week at a conference at the Hebrew University on the struggle for the establishment of the state.

"Ben-Gurion's seminar," in which the political leader undertook a critical study of the Yishuv's military potential in the spring of 1947, was described by Prof. Yoav Gelber of Haifa University. For two months, Ben-Gurion was briefed by the Hagana leadership, learned about mobilization procedures and available weaponry, sat in on general staff meetings of the underground army without speaking, questioned World War II veterans of the Russian and Western armies who had immigrated about the shape and substance of "real" armies, learned about the content of Hagana officers' courses, and studied operational plans, training and logistics.

When he finished his "seminar," he declared the human material of the Hagana superb but its structure and its strategy basically flawed. The

force was a militia that could deal with Arab irregulars but it was not an army that could stand up to the regular armies of the surrounding Arab states. Its largest operational unit was a company and it had no logistical system capable of supporting large forces in the field. Its training was inadequate to the task that lay ahead, there were insufficient officers and planning was not up to par.

The basic difference in approach between Ben-Gurion and the Hagana command was that he envisioned an invasion of the Arab armies and from May, 1947, a year before the war, began demanding the immediate reorganization of the Hagana into an army. "He identified security as the main problem," said Gelber, "and gave it priority ahead of all other activities in the Zionist enterprise like aliyah and settlement. He said a new approach was needed to the problem. He thought there would be a transition stage in the outgoing British rule and that he would have two years to prepare the army but he had only eight months."

THE HAGANA, however, did not accept Ben-Gurion's scenario. "They envisioned a repeat of the 1936 riots," said Gelber, "on a larger scale, perhaps with volunteers, weapons and officers coming from the other Arab countries." The Hagana, said Gelber, had had a virtual freeze on mobilization since 1944 and had weapons for only a



Ben-Gurion at a Seder with Hagana members in Jerusalem in April 1948, three weeks before the outbreak of the War of Independence. Downtown Haifa after the war. (Radovan, E.F. Ilani)

third of the 55,000 men in its ranks.

"To face the Arab challenge, a change was needed but the Hagana didn't have the power within itself to make that change," said Gelber. "It was Ben-Gurion who did it."

The doing, however, was not easy. The pre-1948 concept that the coming battle would consist of large-scale, irregular combat rather than conventional war was compared by Gelber to the pre-Yom Kippur War "concept" that Egypt was too weak to go to war. In various secret forums, it was only Ben-Gurion who spoke of the possibility of a full-scale

Arab invasion. When he toured Hagana units in September 1947, he found nothing changed.

It was only the following month that the Hagana grasped the significance of Ben-Gurion's warnings when Syria moved forces in a threatening manner to Banias on the border of Palestine. The Palmach rushed units to the north but Israel Galili, chief of the Hagana high command, saw that there was no logistical infrastructure to sustain the troops there for an extended period and no effective counter to the artillery and tanks in the regular

Syrian army. "For the first time," said Gelber, "the Hagana command began to discuss the possibility of invasion by Arab armies." Mobilization got underway in December as well as a massive arms-acquisition programme. By the time the British pulled out on May 15, 1948 and the Arab armies came across the border, the Jewish Yishuv had an army in place to meet them.

According to another symposium participant, Dr. Ya'acov Shimshoni, the Arab states that attacked Israel decided to do so only four days before they actually moved. "From

1946, they had made repeated decisions not to send in their armies, only volunteers and weapons. What decided them to invade was King Abdullah's declaration that he was invading."

The Jordanian monarch largely kept to the secret agreement he had made with Jewish representatives and did not attack the territory designated by the UN for the Jewish state. Areas where he did wage war against the Jews such as Jerusalem, Latrun and the Etzion Bloc were outside those boundaries.

Unlike the Palestinian Arabs, said

Shimshoni, the Arab states were willing to accept the 600,000 Jews of the Yishuv as full and equal citizens of an independent Palestinian state. A number of prominent political figures in the Arab world at the time urged acceptance of the Jewish state. "Abdullah was the most daring and original Arab leader in this matter. He couldn't declare support for the Jewish state publicly but he didn't attack it. He was the only Arab leader to emerge from the war with the intellectual and political power to think of an agreement with the Jewish state."

THEY WERE still in the desert, the land of Canaan a far away, distant promise. A message was communicated to their leaders, Moses and Aaron that was strange and puzzling: "When you enter the land of Canaan, which I give to you for a possession, and I put the plague of leprosy in a house of your possession, then..."

This message is followed by detailed procedure on how the matter should be handled (Leviticus 14:33-57).

Did God not wish to endear living in the Land to the people? Why then were they told about plagues that might appear in their houses after arrival in Canaan? If the purpose was to warn them against certain hazards which might await them, as they moved from desert tents into clay or stone houses - why emphasize that the "leprosy" in their houses was not a possible result of dampness or age, but came from God himself: "I put the plague of leprosy in the house." He had hardly finished announcing that he would give them the Land and the houses therein as "a possession," a benevolent act of grace. Why mar this promise with this "bonus," that severe infections were to be inflicted on their houses, too?

This statement, as well as the no less puzzling treatment of this kind of "leprosy" appearing in a house, gave rise to numerous interpretations. The Talmud (TB Sanhedrin 71a) goes as far as to say that a case of a "plagued house" never actually occurred. Why then, was it written? So that we might expound on it and be awarded some valuable insights.

The various interpretations suggested are very different from each other, demonstrating the wide range and endless possibilities in the reading of Torah texts.

Some see this as a pronouncement that the Almighty himself would inflict the plague of leprosy, a warning of the punishment that might await those who did not know how to

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behave after they attained possession of their new houses. Others see this very same pronouncement, the continuation of the promise. It is as if God were saying, "not only will I present you with a new land with built houses, but for your added benefit, I will also put 'leprosy' into your houses."

Rashi, the classic commentator of Torah, opted for the second view: out of all the various midrashic interpretations, he picked the one that says *besora tova nitbasu*, "they were told good news."

What is "good news" about an infected house? In the Midrash (rabba, Lev. 17:6) from which Rashi drew, R. Simon b. Yohai taught: When the Canaanites heard that the Israelites were approaching, they hid their valuable treasures in the walls of the houses. Said the Holy One, I promised the Israelites to bring them into a land with "houses full of good things" (Deuteronomy 6:11). I will therefore bring plagues upon a house, so that when the Israelites pull it down, they discover the hidden treasures.

A modern rabbi interpreted the "good news" implied in finding the "hidden treasures" in a completely different way: Coming into the land and finding ready-made, old houses, the new settlers might fall into a state of ready-made comfort, become lethargical and thus lose the energetic drive necessary in a newly found homeland. Such plagues would force them to tear down old houses and build new ones instead; this in itself meant "good news" for their future in the land.

THE INSTRUCTIONS pertaining

to infected houses are only applicable in the land of Israel. "When you enter the land of Canaan which I give you for a possession," This was taken by a great Zionist preacher to point out, on the basis of the above mentioned Midrash, that in Eretz Israel, even when things seem to be "plagues" on the surface they turn out, in the long run, to be "treasures," while in *chutz la-aretz* (outside the land) that which often looks to many Jews as precious "treasures," turns out to be trouble-ridden "plagues," in the long run.

Others, still, see the "good news" inherent in this message, in the warning itself that going up to the land of their dreams, they were not entering a perfectly happy existence without any problems or plagues to affect their new lives. They were made aware of grim reality, which is an inseparable part of a great dream. This in itself could mean "good news."

Aliya, ascension to Israel, ever since then and to this very day, and the "pangs" of absorption, are made much more palatable when we are warned ahead of time about the hardships, social "plagues" and economic ills that may be expected.

The "good news" is also in the prognosis prescribed in the Torah. "The owner of the house shall come and tell the priest: 'Something like a plague has appeared to me in the house.' It is 'good news' when a person, or a society, musters the courage to face problems and go for help and not when it suppresses, covers up or postpones dealing with any disease within the private or communal house, until it is too late. When this is done, the rabbis,

closely reading the words of the text, stress that one should not rush to conclusions by himself in pointing out ills. Even if the owner of the house is himself a scholar and an expert, he should say, "something like a plague," and not determine unequivocally, by himself that it is a plague.

It is "good news" also, according to Abbravanel because it is applicable only in the land given "as a possession." Up until then, all one could do against "plagues" of all kinds, was to agonize silently, sometimes also to protest publicly. Now, in their own land, this was not enough. Now, they would be capable and duty-bound to act and bring about a change, if necessary, to demolish and rebuild, the spreading infection, in order to plant and build anew.

To put things into the right order, the old house must sometimes be discarded, and its stones disassembled.

In the language of the kabbalists, one must turn the order of the letters *nun-gimmel-ayin* from NGA (nega), meaning plague, into ANG (oneg), or pleasure. All letters are there; it is merely a matter of re-arranging them in the proper order.

NOT ALL commentators, ancient, medieval or modern, see in the Almighty's personal involvement in putting plagues into the house a piece of "good news" but rather as a stern warning against certain sins which might come as a result of the reality, the people gaining possession of a new land and its houses.

Possessions or things may often turn, possess the possessors. "When you enter the land, which I give you for a possession," you swiftly forget that it was God who gave it to you, and are convinced that it is all the fruit of your own ingenuity and efforts. "And I put the plague of

leprosy in the house of your possession."

Just to remind you, that what you consider to be only yours, belongs to the Almighty, who is the real landlord of what you may deem as exclusively "your possession."

The ancient rabbis (TB Eruvin 16) say a house is infected by leprosy as a direct punishment for stinginess, ignoble over-possessiveness, the kind of behaviour which claims "everything is mine, and mine only." A person who denies the favour of lending his belongings to his fellow (claiming that he does not own such things when requested to make the loan), is punished with leprosy of the house. This will force him to turn to the priest, who will consequently order the house to be completely emptied out (verse 36). Now everyone will see that this person actually owned all those things which he formerly denied having, only be-

cause he did not wish to share his riches with others.

Maimonides, the great medieval rationalist thinker, offers, in this case, an unusual mystical connection between the punishment and the sin that preceded it. He writes: "This change from normal appearance has no parallel in nature, but constitutes a sign and wonder that existed in Israel to warn them from engaging in evil talk. For the one who indulges in evil talk will find that the walls of his house change their colour."

While well-aware that fungous infections in old houses could be explained as a natural phenomenon, Jewish commentators of Torah, nevertheless, agreed with R. Yebudah in *syra* (ancient tannaitic midrash) that "the occurrence of such plagues bore a special message."

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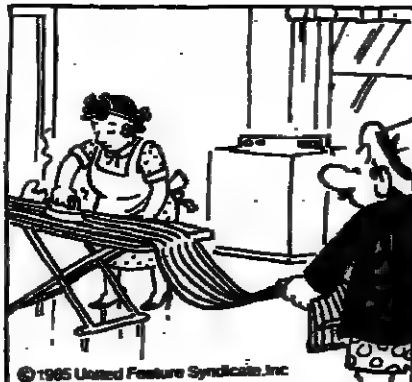
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## Summer time chaos from Sunday

By TSIPI KUPER  
For The Jerusalem Post

From Sunday chaos will reign when a large section of the country's workforce will start work an hour earlier, while others, including those in essential services, maintain their present schedules.

On Monday, the High Court of Justice is due to rule on four appeals against Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz's decision not to institute daylight saving time.

But many factories and offices have already taken the decision on summer time into their own hands. Some have already started working an hour earlier; many more are to join them on Sunday. The Histadrut and the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations have recommended that all factories and businesses move their work clocks forward, but the final decision is up to the individual employers and their staff.

The Eilat, Kfar Saba and Jeru-

salem municipalities have all decided to institute their own summer time, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

Getting children off to school poses an obvious problem for parents working according to summer time. It has not yet been decided at what hour schools will begin after the Pessah holidays. The teachers' union is willing to begin an hour earlier than usual if Education Minister Yitzhak Navon approves.

A decision is expected before Pessah from the teachers' union, the bus cooperatives and the women's organizations which run day-care centres and crèches.

An Egged spokesman said the cooperative would not increase its services unless this would bring in more income. "We will adjust ourselves to demand," he said.

Aware that without an earlier school day and rescheduled bus services private summer time will not work, many work-places are hedging

their bets. Thus the Energy Ministry has flexible work hours, enabling its workers to start at 6:30 or 7:30 a.m.

Banking Association head Asher Halperin says that a survey among bankers shows that they will follow the teachers' decision. "Otherwise it would just make things even more difficult for working parents," he said. The banks' savings from summer time will be minimal, in his opinion.

The Cinema Owners' Association opposes moving the clocks forward. A spokeswoman told *The Post* that cinemas would lose customers by starting the first evening performance while it is still light. But keeping the present hours may also prove bad for business as early risers may hesitate to attend second performances ending at about 23:30, as they do now.

East Jerusalem has not waited for the High Court's ruling; it adopted early hours two weeks ago in line with Jordan's summer clock.



Prof. Shmuel Davidson  
(John R. Rifkin)

## Tribute to a warmly humane doctor

The untimely death of Shmuel Sam Davidson a month ago brought tributes from all over the world. The American Short-Term Therapy Centre described him as "one of the world's foremost students and researchers on the effects of social trauma." He held the Elie Wiesel Chair for the Study of Psycho-Social Trauma of the Holocaust at Bar-Ilan University, was associate clinical professor of psychiatry at Tel Aviv University and medical director of the Shalvata Mental Health Centre.

Characteristic of Sam Davidson's approach to the patient is a person and not simply a case was his belief that psychiatry must be an integral part of the physician's work in general hospitals. There was a need, he insisted, for more emphasis on the mental components of physical disorders and illnesses.

Sam published scores of learned papers and it was typical of his intellectual curiosity and enthusiasm for life that one dealt with hyperactivity in red-haired children.

But his main work, an expression of his deeply compassionate nature, was with the victims of 20th century inhumanity. He treated bereavement among the families of the fallen, both in Israel's wars and in terrorist attacks, and became a leading authority on the treatment of concentration camp survivors and their families.

This work eventually led him to sponsor and become co-director of the International Conference on Holocaust and Genocide in Tel Aviv in 1982.

Sam inspired love in all who met him and his unusually warm personality and gentle Scots humour created lasting bonds with people he met in his work, both here and overseas.

Born in Dublin, Sam completed his medical training in Glasgow and Oxford, immigrating to Israel in 1955. His first post was at the Talbieh Psychiatric Hospital in Jerusalem. Among his many public activities, he was on the appeals committee of the National Insurance Institute and was psychiatric consultant on the fitness of judges.

He leaves a wife Jenny, a state-registered nurse who did a great deal to help him, and their children, David, studying natural medicine, Jonathan, doing an M.A. in psychology, Michal, a nurse studying midwifery; and Ehud, who works in television.

The shloshim will be observed on Sunday. Kupat Holim is to hold a memorial gathering on May 4, and another will be held by Bar-Ilan University close to Holocaust Day.

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## Police won't license Heichal cinema protest

By BARBARA AMOUYAL  
For The Jerusalem Post

If ultra-Orthodox protesters demonstrate against Shabbat film screenings at the Heichal Cinema in Petah Tikva this evening, they will be doing so illegally, because police refuse to license the protest.

Between 300 and 400 police are required to control the unruly demonstrators. "It's too much manpower to devote to a no-win situation," Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev told reporters this week.

This explanation of why, in a democracy, the right to protest and the freedom of self-expression were suddenly revoked may satisfy some people. But others view the decision as yet another example of police unwillingness to confront *haredi* extremists.

Senior police officers have long denied secular claims that the police are reluctant and/or impotent to enforce the law in *haredi* quarters in Jerusalem and Bnei Brak.

But in a frank discussion with police reporters this week, Bar-Lev admitted that the police cannot

operate as freely as they would like in ultra-Orthodox neighbourhoods, and particularly in Mea She'arim.

"It's difficult for us to infiltrate the neighbourhood and establish a credible intelligence network," said Bar-Lev, adding that successful undercover operations against crime in the Hativka Quarter of Tel Aviv, for example, simply do not work in Mea She'arim.

"Firstly, there are so many, often competing, sub-divisions within the *haredi* community that it's difficult to pinpoint the source of incitement. Secondly, even if we do manage to uncover the so-called 'gang leaders,' that makes them instant heroes - Prisoners of Zion - who wins increased popularity and credibility, not to mention substantial donations from abroad, as a result of our actions," he said.

Despite the recent spate of illegal, violent gatherings in Jerusalem, during which *haredi* mobs have stoned passing cars and burnt tyres and garbage bins, Bar-Lev rejected charges of police impotence, and

insisted that police are simply forced to use restraint and diplomacy in preserving law and order in ultra-Orthodox areas.

Admitting that there is an atmosphere of lawlessness in certain *haredi* communities, Bar-Lev insisted that police cannot carry out large-scale raids as they do in East Jerusalem and the administered territories following stone-throwing incidents or some other civil disorder.

"Because suspects tend to look alike, we would have to employ collective arrests, which would make the already tense situation worse," said Bar-Lev.

But *haredi* "immunity" from collective community punishment is not to be taken as meaning that the police won't employ "all possible means" to arrest individuals suspected of illegal acts, the minister stressed.

"Dealing with crime in Mea She'arim or any other *haredi* area is problematic. But anyone charging us with lack of action doesn't have an informed grasp of the situation."

## Most drugs found to be kosher for Passover

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

After three months of investigation, Jerusalem's ultra-Orthodox Eda Haredit has found that 90 per cent of all drugs in Israel are kosher for Passover.

Rabbi Yehoshua Scheinberger, "health minister" of the Eda, contacted pharmacists throughout Israel and abroad to determine the ingredients of 3,000 drugs used here. He has prepared a guide that lists the drugs according to the form in which they are sold, and it can be obtained at religious-articles shops around the country and from the Eda itself in Jerusalem.

Any drug that must be taken to preserve life can be consumed dur-

ing Passover, according to Jewish law, and drugs that are not eaten, such as external lotions or ointments, are not considered *hametz* (leaven) at all.

Several years ago, all Israeli drug manufacturers stopped using a wheat base for their drugs, switching instead to corn or other starches. Corn is one of the pulses not used by Ashkenazim during the holiday. If a patient begins taking such a drug before the holiday and needs to continue taking it during Pessah, he may do so, but should keep it separate and use separate utensils for it.

Many syrups, especially those that are flavoured, are not kosher for Pessah, as the flavouring agents are manufactured abroad and their ingredients are suspect.

Dr. Abraham Avraham of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek hospital is considered the country's top authority on the matter and is regularly consulted by hospitals and doctors throughout Israel. Two days before the holiday, the hospital's chief pharmacist, Alan Greenberg, removes from the wards all drugs considered *hametz*. They are kept in a separate section of the pharmacy but are used during the holiday if there is no substitute for them.

Most of the additives in Israeli drugs are without *hametz* year round, Greenberg says. But a small number of preparations are completely leavened, such as folic acid, Vitamin C and Vitamin B2. A doctor and a rabbi should be consulted in cases of doubt.

## Maccabi offers safer children's dentistry

By JUDY SIEGEL

The Maccabi health fund is to offer children dental work under medically supervised general anaesthetic in hospital.

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Seeking qualified nurse for Moshe Shifit Medical, accommodation, children of school age only, 053-31311. Voted medical services requires nurses, medical, auxiliary personnel and medical students for immediate work, 02-56658.

**Jerusalem Flats**

**Contractors**  
Har No, 4 and 6 room flats + gardens, completion stages, 67401, Tel Aviv. Pan Bin offers in Har No, luxurious 4 room flats and 5 + garden, penthouses, 66474, 66019.

Holyland Real Estate, No. 1 agency in Gilo, 352821, 763740. Baka: Cottage at first stage of construction, Michael Starr Ltd. (Malden), 02-25226, 241367, 228993.

**Villas & Houses**  
Moshe Bit, 800sq.m. plot + small house, wonderful view, 04-34289, 05-932649.

Bargain, Jewish Quarter, 4 room cottage, dining, balcony, 02-283111. Excellent location! Luxurious villa, view, for serious, Sharon, 22317-8-9, 0, Malden.

Kiryat Wolfson, 5, terrace, magnificent view. Must be sold! Ambassador, 02-666101.

Mezuzot, luxurious villa, unique, 400sq.m. built, swimming pool, interior and exterior, 05-932649. In Har No, detached house, vaulted, view, 132,000, 05-43534, weekdays.

Yehon Moshe, 3 rooms, 3 levels, garden, view, 245993, 246853. Eilat, cottages + gardens, from 880,000. Haritza Ltd., 02-931780, 02-93178, weekdays.

Gemini Office, town house, 6 + basement, apt. Capital, 323131. Huge penthouse, Givat Mordechai, Givat Shaul, view, Beit Hakerem, villa + expansion, Eilat Realty, 341877.

In apartment block, Yehon No, 3 stories, 530,000, Eilat, exclusive to Haritza Realty, 02-247116, 02-243585. Rehavia, town house, 4 + garden, private, Capital, 323131.

Sharon Haredi, old building, construction of additional stories possible. Blumstein Ltd., 02-227414.

Talshich, 280sq.m., building right, on Arab house, 8170,000. Capital, 323131.

Villa, Kiryat Wolfson, 5 rooms, terrace, view, parking, Tovla Bier, 226231, Malden.

Bargain, villa, Mevasseret, beautiful, 8 rooms, 247839. For sale, Shmaryahu Levit, area, beautiful villa, 3 floors, 4 levels, large garden, view of Eilat Keren valley, bargain price, 02-72064, 02-611941.

**Tractors**  
Dugan, Case, 980 B, 75 + extension room, 02-422122.

For sale, bulldozer 950, 1981 model, 051-26035, 051-30122.

Ford 6600 tractor, 1980 + disk, 04-975402, 04-967888.

Tractor D-9 J, 1971, bargain price, seek and receive special prices for a "Bosman" tractor (new tractors for vineyards), 02-336988, (evening), Shilo, 053-77454, Kobi, 055-93231.

Ford 3600, 79, 1600 hours, wonderful condition, 052-63844.

**Photography**  
Keymoney, photography studio with good lighting, 168 Yul, 05-59993.

Minolta, FR7 102 body, original, new, 75-150, 052-84497.

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Lessons in easy English from Anglo Saxon, 02-829736.

Private English lessons by qualified teacher from England for matriculation/business, 05-236360.

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Hayshalom, Pesach campaign: Polish cleaning, extermination, guaranteed, 03-38335.

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**Travel & Tourism**  
Sun Tours travel agency, Herzliya, the largest selection of organized trips abroad, 55 Sokolov, 02-81684, 02-81725.

Car caravan for rent in Europe, from private, for 4 people, 05-266332.

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**Vacations**  
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Eilat campaign, 3 nights, flights, half board at Amman, activities, 04-523368.

Eilat, holiday flat, near, adjacent swimming pool, 02-429166, 02-725777.

For religious, New Yaakov, 95sq.m., balconies, cupboards, solar boiler, 02-859582.

Gilo, 3, well arranged, 1st floor, solar boiler, 02-763181, weekdays.

Givat Mordechai, new, 3/4, renovated, immediate, 02-699056, not Shabbat.

Givat Zeev, 3, balcony, 3rd floor, 02-420221, 261356, not Shabbat.

Mevasseret, bargain, 50sq.m., closed balcony, 976648, weekdays.

Patt, 3, 2nd floor, 1st, well arranged, 02-421428.

15 Palmach, 3 + 1/2, 1st floor, available immediately, 02-817317.

3, Old Katamon, improved, 3, Kiryat Moshe, large, special, Hamelech, 243221.

Arnon Hamelech (Eilat), 3, converted floor, solar boiler, view, 720400.

French Hill, 3 rooms, view, lovely, Gilo, 02-247577, 02-420807.

Gilo, 3, beautiful, 4th floor, view, solar boiler, 765196.

New Ramot, 3, balcony, storeroom, 51,000, Am-Gar, 02-816833.

Shimon Ben Zeev, 3 rooms, 95sq.m., 560,000, 02-525966.

Shimon Hamelech, 3, 1st floor, well arranged, cupboards, 02-424720.

41, Ushishkin, 3, private, heating, phone, 1st floor, 24645.

Arnon Hamelech, 3, 1st floor, wonderful view, modernized, 45,000, Moriah Realty, 717998, 713038, Malden.

Arnon Hamelech (Shiv Aleph), 3, 40,000, Moriah Realty, 717998, Malden.

Har No, 3/4, 5th floor, Shabbat lift, view, 233897, 822203.

Holyland Hamelech, 3 room flat, storeroom, 3rd floor, wonderful, 632186.

Katamon, 3, Gilo, Ha'at Yehon, 63,000, 02-666259.

Kiryat Shaul, 3, improved, central, quiet, Corrado-Dewar, 332131-1604.

New Ya'akov, 2nd floor, 3, solar boiler, cupboards, no agents, 02-616894.

New Ya'akov, 3, improved, southern, 1st floor, 853389, not Shabbat.

Peter Koenig, 3, 1st floor, small, stone building, not decorated, 2 balconies, available, 38,500, 02-717998, 02-718281.

Ramat Shaul, 3, 2nd floor, 79,000, Michael Realty, 649792.

Rehavia, 3 large, balconies, 02-931069, 02-638301, not Shabbat.

Rehavia, 3, large, flat, ground floor, 02-661539, not Shabbat.

Talshich, 3 large, 1st floor, wonderful location, Roman Realty, 661374.

Talshich, 3 rooms, very well arranged, storeroom, cupboards, Avri-Cohen, 23125, 228972, Malden.

Arnon, 3/4, southern, 2nd floor, 02-595979, weekdays.

Givat Mordechai, architect's office, 3, 5th floor, cupboards, view, 02-665771, 02-664451.

Moshe Bit, 3/4, solar boiler, 95sq.m., solar balcony, 02-813697.

Old Talshich, 3/4, 2nd floor, well arranged, storeroom, solar boiler, 02-717998.

Tamara Haredi, 3, bargain, Holyland Real Estate, 328281, 765740.

Bargain, 3 rooms, Ben Zeev, exclusive to Ramot, 247839.

Gilo, 4 room cottage, garden, unshaded, 224572.

Palmach, 4, 1st floor, heating, phone, immediate, 02-340666, 02-246699.

Talshich (Lishit), 4, unshaded, 02-332150, afternoon, not Shabbat.

Ramat, 4, southern, 2nd floor, large balconies, 361540, weekdays.

Arnon Hamelech, 4, southern, 2nd floor, double balconies, cupboards, solar boiler, view, 715440.

Givat Mordechai (Heller), 4/4, southern, storeroom, cupboards, immediate, 05-525457.

Unique Jewish Quarter, renovated house, 4 + 1 + courtyard, 02-442730.

Arnon Hamelech, centre, must sell, 4, well arranged, 1st floor, storeroom, 70,500, + selection, Moriah Realty (Malden), 713038, 717998.

Arnon Hamelech, selection of flats, penthouses, 4 + storeroom, 4 + balcony and storeroom, 70,000, 55-1 (Malden), 244008, 237742.

Arnon, campaign, 4 room flat + separate storeroom, new building, 245177, 245128, Hager Realty.

Bayit Vagan, 4, well kept, spacious, storeroom, view, immediate, bargain, 02-423256, evenings.

Givat Hamelech, immediate occupancy, 4, storeroom, parking, 104,000, Hager Realty, 02-725977.

Kiryat Aryeh, Menahem Dahan, 4, large, 1st floor, large balconies, storeroom, 240371.

New Ya'akov 601, 4, view, 3 exposures, immediate, 02-461287.

Rehavia, 5, luxurious, spacious, 2nd floor, southern, capital, 323131.

Rehavia, 5/4, rooms, quiet, view, sea, balconies, private, heating, Tovla Bier (Malden), 226231.

Rehavia, 5, 2nd floor, luxurious, Corrado-Dewar, 332131-1604.

Rehavia, 6 rooms, high quality, view of Knesset, 3200,000, 240371.

Rehavia, 4, 2nd floor, private, heating, cupboards, 666800.





Prince Andrew and his fiancée Sarah in a publicity photo released for the royal engagement

## Soaking up England

MARK SEGAL

ON A SHORT visit to London, I landed smack into the middle of a fresh spate of royalist mania. This time the excuse was the engagement of Prince Andrew, fourth in the line to the throne, and Sarah Ferguson, daughter of his father's polo manager and best friend of his super star sister-in-law Princess Diana. The unemployed masses seem to find the tidal wave of stories about "The royal fiancé" a most suitable opium. With the popular press getting deeper into ever-purer passages about "The prince with the Robert Redford looks finding his own English Rose."

The less reverent publications regaled readers with gossip about "Randy Andy's romances" prior to his encounter with "Fergie." This healthy-looking redhead has already been accorded suitable aristocratic connections, with genealogists trotted out to trace her descent from one of Charles II's mistresses.

In moulding a neo-Victorian halo of purity for the "prince's English rose," the royal image-makers have been doing their utmost to explain away the palpable existence of two very-much-alive former lovers, one a dashing racing driver, I even heard her father, Major Ronnie Ferguson on Radio London, denying she ever had any other men in her life.

That problem is minor compared to the dilemma facing Buckingham Palace about whether to invite to the wedding the bride's stepfather, an Argentinean landowner who volunteered (but just missed going) to fight against Prince Andrew and the rest of the British force in the Falklands war.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher appeared on TV effusing pleasure at the prospect of a television spectacular wedding which the British royals do so well. Such a heart-warming spectacle will decidedly help bolster her flagging popularity and Conservative Party managers are rubbing their hands in gleeful expectation of the political pay-off of a new royal baby in time for the mooted general elections during 1987.

HEADLINES about the newest royal couple competes with "Vicar's Blue Movie-Latest Scandal" or the fuss over the re-installation of the aluminium figure of Eros, restored at the cost of £250,000 in a jazzed-up Piccadilly Circus.

THE MIDDLE classes live ever more comfortably, worlds apart from the ever-lengthening lines of over three million unemployed. The south-east was always the most prosperous region in England, and now it floats even higher, compared with the desolation of the older industrial areas of Tyneside and Lan-

cashire. One in five men in Greater Manchester is jobless. If he's over 50, he may never enjoy gainful employment again.

But Thatcher's grip on the helm seems stronger than ever right now, mainly because the Labour opposition does not offer much of a challenge. She seems to crush dissent in her own party with the ease of our own Golda Meir in her heyday. Hence her new nickname, "Mama Doc." Which caps her graduation from "Attila the Hen," and "Brunhilda of the Malvinas," which she earned in the Falklands war.

On the same page of a newspaper as the report on Parliament's recent allocation of hundreds of thousands of pounds to members of the royal family, I spotted an advertisement of the kind usually placed by Oxford, showing the photograph of a starving child. The text read "Four years old. Seriously underweight for her age. Scavenging for food where she can find it. And she's English." It was an appeal for funds by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Anyone born in England knows that if it had been an appeal by the RSPCA with a picture of a suffering dog, it would have raised more money.

OF COURSE, a prime source of entertainment is reading the small items in the daily newspapers. The *Daily Telegraph* offered the following in the course of two consecutive issues:

• "Kiss Blower Fined. Stephen Walker, 29, a warehouseman of Northborough Road, Slough, was fined £50, with £40 costs, by magistrates at Brighton yesterday for blowing kisses at a girl in a Brighton-to-London train. He admitted a by-law offence of "interfering with the comfort of other passengers."

• "Love-Note Doctor Reinstated. A 16-stone doctor, who was struck off the medical register after having three affairs with patients, was reinstated yesterday. Dr. David Corden, married two of the patients with whom he had affairs. Dr. Corden of Reading, Berks, broke down while

making his application to the General Medical Council's disciplinary committee hearing.

Sitting alongside him was his third wife, Cherie, a former patient and part-time receptionist at his surgery, by whom he has two daughters. It was the affair with her, when she was Mrs. Fox, that led to his downfall when he left a Kojak-style note on her car windshield, which read: "Who loves ya, baby, like it is going out of fashion?" The note was discovered by her then husband, with the result that she moved in with the doctor.

Dr. David Bolt, chairman of the committee, told the doctor: "The committee regard your erasure over a period of 25 months as sufficient to atone for your mistakes."

Those two stories should go a long way towards dispelling the notion of many of our readers that a great deal of English behaviour was invented by Alex Beryne. Though, in all fairness, it should be recorded that when it came to reporting the trial for drug offences of the Marquess of Blandford, the future Duke of Marlborough and a kinsman of Winston Churchill, the press buried the story deep in the inside pages.

For all those of you who love titillating tales about the upper classes, it will be of interest to learn that the Duchess of Argyll is going to star in an American TV series entitled *Nobility*, along with her granddaughter, Lady Samantha, currently poised for a career with a rock group. Sounds right out of P.G. Wodehouse.

PERHAPS IT was symbolic that the British press reported the death of Glubb Pasha the day that the PLO's "foreign minister," Farouk Kaddumi, arrived in London for talks with the Foreign Office. Whitehall has not changed all these years, either as the bastion of hostility to the Americans or as the dynamo of anti-Israel feeling in Britain.

The most striking aspect of all the eulogies about Lt. Gen. Sir John Bagot Glubb was how they almost ignored his role, along with that of

other British officers, in commanding the Arab Legion's onslaught against the fledgling Jewish State in 1948. The most piquant reference to his legion's origin was the mention of its old nickname, "Glubb's Girls," derived from the long hair and flowing robes of the desert patrol.

Basically, nothing has changed over the intervening decades, notwithstanding the Kensington Palace luncheon for Prime Minister Peres and Thatcher's personal sympathy for Israel. She may be coming here in May, the first such visit by an incumbent British premier. Usually they only manage to get here after they leave office. But the British refusal to sell us arms and North Sea oil still holds. If the British government is sincere about its expressed fairness to both sides in the Middle East, isn't it time the Foreign Office paymasters of the BBC world service, stopped joining in the war of words on the Arab side?

I heard in London that Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe has been telling people that Britain has not altered its policy on the Venice Declaration, which insisted on the PLO's integral role in any peace moves in the Middle East. He thereby disabused anyone who thought the British had cut adrift from such an out-dated policy, especially since the recent fiasco over the cancelled visit to Whitehall of two PLO emissaries.

IT HAS LONG been known that the Left and the Right in Britain converge in their hostility to Israel. But it must be the first time that a theatre, even a fringe company, has put on a play bringing the Left's anti-Semitism out into the open. I went to see *Trainers* performed by the Pascal Theatre Company. Its author, Melanie Phillips, writes about the impact of the Lebanon War on an assimilated Jewish woman journalist, and her discovery of latent antagonisms among her colleagues at the "progressive" weekly for which she writes. Phillips is news editor of *The Guardian* and was formerly with *New Society*. The play was poorly produced but it certainly is a milestone in putting on stage the existence of left-wing anti-Semitism, which is integrally linked to hostility towards Zionism.

This phenomenon has once again surfaced on the campus. The students' union of the South London Polytechnic has decided to ban its 10 Jewish members because they declined to sign a pledge against Zionism. Hayim Pinner, Secretary-General of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, told me they intend to fight what is seen as a discriminatory act against the Jewish minority in a student body of thousands, which includes many Arabs.

IT MAY DATE from the century of Jesus, but then again it may date from the century before Jesus. Or it may not. Fortunately, there is no proof whatsoever that it was not plying the waters of Lake Kinneret at the time of Jesus. The flurry of contradictory reports that wafted round the world when the Roman boat was found last month, along the Kinneret shore near Migdal ("Jesus!" "No, pre-Jesus!") apparently failed to take into account one fact of life of Roman days, one which held true everywhere until our present plastic age changed everything.

And that is: once upon a time, believe it or not, things used to be repaired. Really. You didn't throw out a boat when, as it were, the ashtray was full. If it got banged up, it was fixed. And in a region like Galilee, where hardwood was at a premium, repairs would often be made with pieces of wood from here and there, including parts of far older wrecks beyond repair.

(Unrecorded dialogue on the shores of Lake Galilee 2,000 years ago, plus or minus a century:

"Abba! Why can't we get a new ship, like Shimon-Peter's family? They have this wonderful new fast model, and we're still crawling along in this old thing you fix and fix..." "Because that dreadful family has taken up all sorts of unhealthy new ideas. Now, shut up and clean these fish..."

Ancient recycling makes precise dating extremely difficult. Even pottery from the "wrong" period does not constitute absolute proof of when a ship (or a grave) was, or was not, in use. Artefacts from "wrong" periods are found at all sorts of archaeological sites: they may have been left by grave robbers, or Gnostic lovers, or Byzantine picnickers...

SOME (though he is not responsible for all) of the above was explained by Mendel Nun, of Kibbutz Ein Gev, at a lecture on the "period of Jesus" boat given at Kibbutz Ginossar to a group of visiting academics from Bar-Ilan University.

Mendel, who is unquestionably the best-informed expert on everything that has to do with the Kinneret and its shores, has probably forgotten more about the meteorology, ichthyology, limnology, archaeology, and just plain history of the lake than any of us will ever know. He was the first to be alerted by the two brothers from Ginossar when they found the famous nail that led to the discovery, and it was he who called in the non-resident academic experts.

As the man who was in on the

## Ship-shape

HELGA DUDMAN

adventure - and deep in its mud - from the very beginning. Mendel is in the unique position of being able to tell the story of the discovery from the very start, and with a marvellous set of photographs recording each step.

I had paid my respects to the ship earlier, together with most of the local population, at the height of the excitement here. We had ice-cream trucks and police barriers, and everybody in Galilee romping across the rocks from Ginossar to the excavation site.

Local excitement has now simmered down, but no self-respecting tourist is going to miss a look at this unique attraction, now conveniently located very near the Nof Ginossar guest house. A little sign, in Hebrew and English, points "To the Ship," and streams of tourists from the guest house come to gaze and ask questions of patient archaeologist Orna Cohen of the Hebrew University, who is in charge of the long preservation process ahead.

THE SHIP (made, apparently, mostly of cedar wood from Lebanon) now rests, partly submerged, in a kind of big, white-tiled bath-house built for the purpose. When I saw it on a second visit, clots of yellowish plastic still flecked the beautifully preserved wooden form. These were remnants of the cocoon that encased its entire bulk during the short voyage from the mud a little to the north to its present site on dry land.

It is under 24-hour guard, and it is solicitously sprayed with water by devoted attendants so that the humidity will always be just exactly right.

Its immediate neighbour is the massive black structure of Beit Allon, still under construction. Who would have thought, two months ago, that this odd couple would share the Ginossar beach? And what a piece of PR, incidentally, for the rejuvenating qualities of the mud of our famous hot springs. If it can preserve a period-of-Jesus boat made of wood, what might it not do for much younger living structures.

While it is fun to gaze down at the mysterious treasure in its incongruous white-tile, locker-room environment, most of us cannot help doing so in a fairly empty-headed manner, speculating with uninformed rapture as to who built it, and when and how, and what the story of its life may have been.

THIS IS why it is so reassuring to be able to troop in to a lecture room, after completing the gaze, and listen to Mendel put us on firm ground, at least with respect to the discovery.

The early photographs are dramatic: everything is still underground; all is yet ahead and nobody has a clue as to what awaits below. But we already see a dark outline in the mud, distinctly that of a ship on its side.

Or maybe of a porpoise? One still had to know what one was after, as the two Ginossar brothers did, having found that first nail. And, said Mendel, it was not just this year's catastrophically low tide that facilitated the discovery. We have had those before. The find was waiting for two intent young men whose father, like Mendel, was a Kinneret fisherman.

The boat comes to life when Mendel flashes on the screen some of its friends - that is to say, depictions of similar ancient vessels. One from a first century CE coin of Tiberius, but mostly pictures in mosaic which he has spent years collecting.

But the most intriguing mosaic ship is a close neighbour. It was found some years ago by the Franciscans when they were excavating at Migdal (ancient Magdala), and was part of the mosaic floor of a villa in Mary Magdalene's town. Mendel believes that the artist who made it was very likely a local boy rather than an imported craftsman, and so probably modelled his ship on what he saw plying the waves just beyond the villa - i.e. very possibly our born-again model, or one much like it.

The Franciscans published their discovery in their publication *Liber Annus* for 1978, and the mosaic itself is now at Capernaum. With it is a nice little mosaic message for guests. Written in Greek, it is pronounced, so Mendel assures us, something like "Kaysce" and means, more or less, "The same to you!" That is, if you come and bless this house, blessings will be returned to you; but if you curse it - "The same to you."

What is clear is that Mendel Nun is the one man from Galilee equipped to go on a world lecture-tour, speaking to the richest of churches and coming back with a shipful of dollars. Does he have the slightest interest in doing so? Not the slightest.

## WORTH A VISIT

JOEL REBIBO

garis is for asthma; *lemon thymus* is made into a syrup for coughs and *achillea millefolium* treats pimples. The most popular plant is *salvia officinalis*, which cures colds, soothes sore throats, reduces fever, controls gas, improves appetite, and strengthens memory and sexual ability.

For culinary pleasure, spices like oregano add a kick to tea and pizza. Abramovitch plans to double the size of his herbal pharmacy. "When I was in the concentration camp, I told myself that if I live I want to do something for people," he explains. "Now I'm helping others."

The forest service seems to attract an unusually dedicated group of people, dedicated not only to trees. Arye Eshed left his established kibbutz in the south to found Hila, a new presettlement situated some six kilometres from Israel's northern border. "I always envied the founders of my kibbutz," explains Eshed. "It is an incredible feeling to help start something new, to participate in the establishment of a settlement. I'm from a new generation with new challenges."

The challenge Eshed alludes to is holding on to the Galilee. Almost 50 years ago, in anticipation of the British White Paper, Jews set up 50

new settlements along the northern border to "establish facts".

Today there is an effort to set up 50 Jewish settlements in Galilee solely to establish a Jewish presence there. "If there is no Jewish presence here, only Arab villages, the Arabs will demand, and receive, the right to this land," says Eshed. "They will demand autonomy, and Galilee will become a Palestinian homeland."

Though Eshed was originally stoned by the residents of Ma'liya when he travelled through their village to his new home Hila, he is now known as the mukhtar of his settlement and has good relations with the villagers.

Following a biblical formula for good relations, Eshed and Hila residents shop at the Arab *makolel* and buy building supplies from the local merchants.

Eshed was the first to arrive at Hila and lived alone there for a month. A total of seven families initially moved up there with him. The JNF built the infrastructure for the settlement, and U.S. donors purchased the wooden playground equipment for the settlement's 50 children.

The view from Hila is magnificent. Eshed's new home looks out over the Carmel, Nahariya, the sea, and the mountains of Galilee.

But the view Eshed and his neighbours want to see this Pessah is hills filled with other Israelis who have come to spend their free time in this part of Israel.

"The pioneers are here and have built the basement," says Eshed. "Now the rest of the Jewish people have to make a connection to this place."

## The moulding of a movement

Post Bonn Correspondent Wladimir Struminski reports on the East German youth movement

IN THE novel, *Dead Souls*, by Nikolai Gogol the names of the deceased peasants are kept in the register of the living - for the purpose of deception, of course. The principle "dead souls" is not totally foreign to the East German communist youth organization, *Freie Deutsche Jugend* (FDJ), either. But the FDJ is, to a large degree, also a Russian invention.

According to its own statistics, the FDJ numbers 2.3 million members, thus comprising 80 per cent of young East Germans. West German experts, however, think that some of the 2.3 million have, for all practical purposes, left the organization but still appear in the membership lists. In any case, the FDJ would have to admit to a net loss of members over the past years due to the low fertility rate of the East German population in the Sixties. A loss of membership, for whatever reasons, obviously is forbidden for a communist organization, thus giving birth to "dead souls."

East German ideologists may be particularly unwilling to admit a membership drop in the youth organization which has always been deemed crucial to the Communist Party's grip on society. Thus the founding of an all-embracing and communist-oriented youth organiza-

tion was of top priority for the Soviet occupiers of East Germany after the war, and for the German communists who assumed power in the Soviet Occupation Zone.

Just two days after the final capitulation of the Third Reich on May 10, 1945, the East German communist leader Walter Ulbricht issued the order to formulate the working principles of a "unity youth movement." The FDJ, meaning "Free German Youth," was formally founded 10 months later, on March 7, 1946. Its first chairman was Erich Honecker, today secretary-general of the ruling Communist Party. This is no accident for the leadership of the youth organization has traditionally been a good starting point for a successful "adult" career in East Germany.

ONLY AT the very beginning of its existence did the FDJ pretend that it was a non-partisan movement. As early as 1949, it was officially modelled after the Soviet youth movement, Komsomol.

There are probably traits common to any two dictatorships and even more so to two German ones - the Nazi and the communist. West Germans, in particular, make a point of noting the similarities between the workings of National Socialism and the East German regime.

The youth organization is no exception. Thus, in 1947, the FDJ introduced a blue shirt for its members, different in colour from the brownish yellow of the Nazi *Hilfsgesellschaft*, but still appalling to many Germans.

There is, of course, a more basic similarity between the two movements - the attempt to organize as large a part of the young generation as possible along the lines of the ruling ideology. The FDJ is considered the third basic element of youth education, along with the family and school system. It tries to instil into young Germans "values" such as principles of East-block type socialism, and class hatred.

Para-military training also is an important part of the East German youth work. The FDJ even has its own quasi-police force, called "order groups" which are entrusted with the keeping of order, discipline and security. That, too, reminds critics of the Nazi *Hilfsgesellschaft* with its "patrolling service."

EVEN IF the official statistics are somewhat exaggerated, they are not completely out of proportion. The FDJ does exert a decisive influence on the lives of the young citizens of East Germany. However, it does not live up to its official aim of being an organization of working-class youth.

In fact, working-class youths are a minority among FDJ members. On the other hand, in sensitive sectors of the young generation, like high school pupils, university students and young soldiers, up to 99 per cent of the respective groups carry FDJ membership cards.

In many professions, a career cannot be started without FDJ membership. In sensitive sectors, young people who decline to join the organization risk being blacklisted by the authorities.

It is, therefore, remarkable that open dissent is developing among East German youth. A major outlet for it is the independent peace movement with its pacifist tendencies in a thoroughly militaristic society. The movement, illegal in the eyes of the regime, has become a moral alternative for those young East Germans who prefer giving up a career to giving up a clear conscience.

Nor is every FDJ member enthusiastic about the organization. A centrally controlled movement, ruled by a handful of apparatchiks who preach hypocritical notions like brotherly love for the Soviet Union, is frustrating to many members. It is thus not surprising that membership in the discipline-enforcing "order groups" has been raised from 37,000 in 1980 to 55,700 last year.

## Amiable Bebbele

FEW ISRAELIS - including our most widely known and admired public figures - can have had so many friends in so many parts of the world as did Dov "Bebbele" Eshkol, of Kibbutz Ayelet Hashahar, who died recently at the age of 72. He had the talent for being perfectly in his element whatever the element happened to be - army (he was discharged with the rank of colonel), kibbutz (Ayelet Hashahar), Youth Aliya, five-star hotels (very happy among the fine wines and fancy service), government offices, outlying moshavim and little-known settlements, and streams of tourists from abroad who thought of Bebbele as their own personal friend.

Bebbele, with his quiet yet almost gleeful enthusiasm combined with an equally quiet but all-seeing efficiency, invented, as it were, the kibbutz guest house. From its very small beginnings years ago, Ayelet Hashahar's tourism branch, now a flourishing industry, was Bebbele's baby, developed and nurtured with what amounted to almost jealous parental zeal.

He went on to help set up guest houses at other kibbutzim. Bebbele worked with his old friend Lotte Eisenberg in developing a new kind of tourism, and the two - both intent



Dov 'Bebbele' Eshkol

(David Rubinger)

on grafting European standards on the kibbutzim of those days, where food and lodgings were given little thought - made a unique team.

When he finally left the management of the guest house after 20 years of being in charge, he moved to nearby Kiryat Shmona, where he took on the job of tourism-project coordinator for the North, with undimmed enthusiasm and optimism.

Bebbele immigrated from Germany in 1935, and his heroic work in bringing youth groups from Nazi Germany was known to only a few.

For some curious reason, he returned to the end of the long-vanished European habit of kissing the hand when meeting women: another un-

usual specialty of Bebbele the kibbutznik and the early IDF officer.

His last painful illness was borne, to nobody's surprise, with great bravery and with an insistence on looking presentable even though his strength was gone. A friend who happened to share a room at the Safed Hospital told me, "He couldn't talk, but he'd talk to us with his eyes...and to the streams of visitors." He leaves a wife, a daughter and two sons, one of whom, after serving as an Air Force pilot, is today a rabbi.

Bebbele would have made a wonderful minister of tourism. In effect, that is just what he was.

HELGA DUDMAN



# Brazil brings runaway inflation to a halt

BRAZIL'S once-runaway inflation has been brought to a grinding halt by sweeping economic reforms and government officials say prices actually fell last month for the first time in decades.

The announcement of the March inflation figures is being saved for President Jose Sarney's coming national address, when he will give the government's first assessment of the impact of the February package. But government officials and independent economists say the package, which included a total price freeze, depressed prices by as much as two per cent last month.

As one senior Planning Ministry official put it he couldn't remember when prices last fell in Brazil, "but it certainly hasn't happened in the last 25 years."

SARNEY'S CALL to Brazilians to act as his "agents" in enforcing the freeze met with a mass public response, which brushed aside initial

union criticism that the package would lead to a cut in living standards.

Armies of shoppers descended on stores and supermarkets, official price lists in hand, to check that the regulations were being obeyed. Many offending storekeepers were arrested and in some cases their shops were closed.

Opinion polls have shown public support for Sarney running at around 90 per cent, while 75 per cent of those polled in a recent survey by the *Folha de Sao Paulo* newspaper said they believe in the programme's success.

"The strength of support took even the government by surprise and it has been an important element in forcing prices down," the Planning Ministry official said.

Approval for the government's determination to crack the inflationary spiral also came from foreign businessmen. "It is the first time in my 11 years in Brazil that I have seen

## Officials report decrease in prices; public rallies to economic programme

RICHARD WADDINGTON / Sao Paulo

such political support for tackling the country's economic problems," said David Benadof, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Sao Paulo.

The stock market reacted to the new climate of confidence by pushing share prices up 90 per cent on the Sao Paulo exchange during March.

After years of recession during the early 1980s, provoked by the problems of maintaining payments on its \$100 billion foreign debt, the Brazilian economy surged last year, setting one of the fastest growth rates in

the world. Driven by an expanding export sector, this recovery cut unemployment, boosted wages and helped dilute social tensions. But the cost was rising inflation, which hit a record 255 per cent in the year ending February 28.

"Inflation had become a poison intoxicating the economy," said Finance Minister Dilsen Funaro, whose prestige within the country now stands second only to Sarney's.

BUT BRAZIL refused to adopt the traditional approach recommended

by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), including sharp cuts in state spending, saying such policies would only cause fresh recession.

Instead, it opted for an economic shock treatment pioneered by Israel and Argentina. Besides freezing prices, the government set wage limits, fixed the exchange rate and swept away a complex system of indexing to draw funds out of financial markets and into industry.

In Argentina, where inflation was galloping at around 1,300 per cent early last year, the plan succeeded in slashing price rises to only 3 or 4 per

cent per month, but it also plunged the country into recession.

However, independent economists say that because of the vigour of the Brazilian economy, it should be able to survive the shock with only a slight slowing in the rate of growth from last year's 8 per cent.

But economists also warn that there are many problems still to be resolved. "The government has won the first battle, but it is going to be a long war," said University of Sao Paulo economist Roberto Macedo.

The government now faces a tricky economic and political decision over how and when to ease the controls on prices. "If they move too early, they risk damaging the people's confidence. But if they leave it too late, a lot of businesses are going to go bust," said University of Sao Paulo economist Antonio Lanzana.

The freeze caught some industries and agricultural producers when their prices were just about to be raised, and these people are going to

need help soon, he said.

There is already a milk shortage developing and industries such as the car sector are facing difficulties in securing parts, due to the problem of negotiating new prices.

Early union hostility to the package, fuelled by the belief that workers were not being adequately compensated for recent inflation has become muted. Underground railway workers in Sao Paulo came away empty-handed from a three-day stoppage recently.

Bank workers are also threatening a national strike to protest against lay-offs. The banks have seen their potential profits slashed by the financial reforms and have begun dismissing workers to save costs.

But union officials admit that the climate is not conducive to successful strikes. "The people are all behind the package. Government ministers can probably sleep easily for the next few months," one union leader said. (Reuters)

A GROWING number of enterprises are trying to solve their over-staffing problems by putting their older workers out to graze on "early pensions." Other firms carry on until they collapse and then try to save at least their oldest and most faithful employees by arranging early pensions for them, with generous aid from the government.

Nobody has calculated the bill of having so many able-bodied, working-age persons living on the public purse. But, as sure as there is no free lunch in economics, the day of reckoning will come.

Meanwhile, the men with the early pensions must adjust to living on them. In the Haifa area, two enterprises, the Ata textile concern, which went bankrupt, and the port, which in its efforts to keep abreast of the technological revolution by moving from labour-intensive to sophisticated equipment-intensive cargo handling, have put several hundred men and women on early pensions.

Isidor Eisenstein, who had worked at Ata for 18 years, reaching a middle echelon position at the docks, was one of the "lucky" ones when the firm collapsed last May. At 56, he just qualified for the early pensions granted to Ata workers from age 55, under the agreement with the government.

His last wages amounted to about NIS 500 gross. From the date of the plant closure until January, he received unemployment pay through the National Insurance Institute. Now he has been granted a pension of NIS 342 monthly.

Eisenstein, who immigrated from Romania 25 years ago, is married but has no children. His wife does not work; and since the Ata closure he spends most of his time looking for work, through the labour exchange and privately. He has had no success. "It's the age that's against me," he told *The Jerusalem Post*.

But despite his poor experience he has not given up and still searches for work, both because he wants to work and because he needs the money.

The couple have a small flat in Kiryat Ata and their earnings are not enough to make ends meet. "I don't know how we can manage," he acknowledges. "I keep on looking for work." If he doesn't find any, all he can look forward to is the additional old age pension from the National Insurance in another nine years, when he'll turn 65.

Avraham Kelberman worked in Haifa port for 31 years, from 1951. A skilled electrician, he reached the top grade.

Due mainly to poor health, he accepted the Ports Authority's offer of generous early retirement terms for men of 55 and over, in 1982, when he was 57.

The offer was open to all men not

## Out of work — the time after

YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

essential for the port's future and on condition that the works' committee agree on the elimination of the jobs vacated. In this way the port managed to trim its work force by several hundred men, bringing it down to a lean 930 with the intention of peaking at about 900. The early pensions are paid from the Authority's budget.

Kelberman received 18 months' wages, free of tax, which in 1982 was a tidy sum. "Unfortunately, I put it all into bank shares. But if I'm lucky, I'll get the money back next year."

His pension amounts to NIS 592.57 monthly, from which he must pay his National Insurance premium in order to qualify for old age pension at 65, and Sick Fund dues, leaving him a net income of NIS 565. Since he turned 60 his income is no longer subject to income tax, as at 60 the exemptions are raised, putting him below the minimum. In August, his last month in his fifties, the income tax still took a considerable bite, NIS 106.79.

When he retired, Kelberman received many offers of work either full or part-time, but he preferred to look after his health instead, as he has a heart condition and ulcers.

Many of the other men, in fact, took the early pensions in those days of full employment, because they were still young enough to land new jobs and thus compound their earnings. Now that the labour market has fallen, the Ports Authority finds it much harder to get candidates for early pensions.

KELBERMAN has gone into a less strenuous second career; he registered in the University of Haifa for a political science course, which is offered to older students free.

He enjoys it very much and is kept busy by his studies. "For my health's sake I prefer to evade the stress of exams and study for the fun of it," he said.

Kelberman lives in a small flat in the Ramat Shaul quarter with his wife. They have no children.

"If the pension were our only income we could just live on it modestly, but certainly not run a car," he said. As it is, his wife is a senior clerk in the Education Ministry with 40 years' seniority, earning a good wage. She will reach mandatory retirement age at the end of this year. Meanwhile, after much scraping and consideration, Kelberman last

week sold their 13-year-old Volkswagen and bought a new Opel Kadett, a long-time "dream" of the couple.

Ports Authority spokesman Ya'ir Bar-sashiah told *The Post* that they had been very successful with the early pensions in Haifa port, which is now "almost" down to its optimal manpower target; but much less successful in Ashdod, where there are still over 200 men considered unnecessary, out of a work force of 1,200.

The Authority sweetened the pill by offering the retirees a severance grant of up to 18 months' wages (in line with years of seniority) instead of the usual 12 months, plus 3 per cent per year of work pension, instead of the usual 2 per cent, which in practice gave most of them the chance to draw a full 69 per cent pension, up to 15 years before they would be due for the regular pension at 65.

Between the two pensioners above is former Ata senior foreman Sabikh Dalal, who lost his job when the plant closed after 34 years of work at the factory.

Dalal lives in a small flat with his wife, two grown up sons and one daughter on Hugo Moller Street in Kiryat Ata, named for the father of the founder of the Ata concern. His wife does not work.

Dalal, 64, immigrated from Iraq in 1949. He is not sure how much his pension will be, having so far received only advances of NIS450, but he thinks it will amount to NIS500. He also received a severance grant of NIS20,000.

His last salary, for May 1985, totalled NIS790, which he took home. "I took home NIS550 take-home pay," Sabikh, then wages have gone up by about 40 percent, and it's hard for us to make do on NIS 500 now, if that's as much as I'll get," he said. His two sons, working respectively as a locksmith and lawyer's clerk, "will help us as long as they're not married, but we'll not be able to help them to set up house when they marry," he said.

Their daughter, recently demobilized after completing her Army service, "gets occasional jobs" and is looking hard for something permanent. At this age he has no hope for a new job, but can look forward to his old age pension in another year.

He spends most of the day getting out of his wife's way, while she cooks and cleans, and reading newspapers and books. He is sorry that 34 years of effort, during which he rose from the bottom to a long way up the ladder of professional pride and skill, had to end as it did. "But what can I do? I have diabetes on top of being 64 years old, so who'll employ me? It's hard to get along on the pension, but *baruch hashem* we live," Dalal said.

MARINAS, that is, docks where small yachts can tie up, are all the rage. Not only local seafarers are attracted: boat-owning tourists from abroad find a berth and spend a few days sightseeing. Meantime, they pump fuel aboard, fill their water-tanks, charge their batteries and shop for necessities.

Anchorage of this kind need a hinterland with supply facilities, ships' chandlers, a bank, a hotel or two, a few bars, possibly some apartments for rent. A small marina exists in Tel Aviv but with little room for the hinterland. A group of American investors want to build a bigger and better facility in Caesarea — but are held up by what they see as government bureaucracy.

Is it bureaucracy? The issue is over siting. The investors want to build in North Caesarea, which is open and uncluttered save for a graceful ancient aqueduct. The Environmental Protection Service (EPS) in the Interior Ministry requires them to build in south Caesarea, on a two-kilometre stretch between the Hadera power-station and Kibbutz Sdot-Yam. The investors do not want their picturesque marina overshadowed by the smoke-stacks and coal-heaps of a massive electricity-generating complex.

Uri Marinov, head of the EPS, and Valerie Brachya, who deals with the coastal zone, explain that Israel has only 180 km. of shore-line with 80 km. already built up. They want to keep much of the remainder as natural beach and parkland, with open access for the public. Therefore they try to concentrate building projects, including the proposed marina, in the urbanized zones.

What of the smoke-stacks and coal-heaps? Marinov: "The smoke-stacks are pollution-free, all tests prove that. The coal-heaps are not visible from the shore area."

Nimrod Eshel, head of the Caesarea Development Corporation, is aware that denying the investors their wish to build in north Caesarea may sink the project altogether, and he does not like that. Caesarea, an elegant villa resort, has not yet reached what economists call the "take-off" point. It contains 350 dwelling-units, half of them foreign-owned, which means that not much more than half are occupied year-around. What activity there is comes from busloads of tourists; the shops and restaurants are mainly for their benefit. Once they have gone, the place sinks back into a general but unexciting torpor.

A marina would give Caesarea the extra fillip it needs. If the investors consent to build it in the south, says

## Marina may go up in smoke

Purse Strings / DAVID KRIVINE

Eshel, well and good. If they don't, why not change the plan? The northern site they request faces an area designated for further villa construction. The stretch of park and beach between villas and sea will be only a kilometre wide.

Why not switch sites? Why not allocate the necessary space in north Caesarea for the mini-harbour — which has its own charm and should not offend the residents — while liberating the southern location next to the power-station for the sea-bathing public?

The EPS has earmarked 13 sites along Israel's sea-coast for marinas: Nahariya, Acre, Haifa (2), Caesarea, Hadera, south Netanya, Herzliya (near the Accadia Hotel), Tel Aviv (2), Jaffa, Ashdod and Ashkelon. Eight proposals have been submitted so far, according to Marinov. Four are accepted in principle: Herzliya, Jaffa, Ashdod and Ashkelon.

That seems like a lot of marinas, but the plans are still on paper. Sponsors of the Caesarea project ask for no government grant or loan, Eshel points out. Construction would pump new life into his one-horse town and give dollar-earning employment for some years to building workers from neighbouring Or Akiva and Hadera.

The investors should at least receive a friendly hearing. "A letter from the EPS about the sites that they showed me has a cheerful sound, suggesting that the authorities do not much care whether the investors build or not. That is a wrong impression to convey, whatever the ultimate decision about siting."

THE CARTEL THAT FAILED COMMUNISTS used to deride the capitalists' belief in free competition. There is no such thing, they would say: the price system of the profiteering West is based on cartels.

Today, the Soviet Union is furious with the capitalist plutocrats for breaking up the world's biggest cartel, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries or Opec. Russia favours high prices and fat profits when it is itself the beneficiary. It denounces the current impoverishment of oil-exporting states, completely ignoring the prior impoverishment by Opec of the oil-importing states.

The price of a commodity in world markets should be the cost of the labour and capital put into its pro-

duction, and no more than that. Opec decided to take much more, whether the customers liked it or not; and all the oil-exporting powers — including non-members of Opec — did very well out of it.

What happened next? Output soared because new wells came into operation. Demand dropped because factories shifted to coal. Over-production combined with under-consumption brought Opec's artificial price-structure tumbling down. And a good thing too. The situation will get back to normal, high-cost wells will stop producing; factories using coal will return to oil. Prices will settle once more at their proper level, representing true production costs.

If the Russians despise inflated profits, as illicit gain, they should welcome the restoration of the competitive system in this sector of world trade. They themselves have lost, it is true, \$6b. a year of foreign currency on their oil exports, but that should not bother them. Good socialist planning can surely make good the shortfall.

A report in the capitalist U.S. reveals, on the other hand, that each dollar drop in the price of petroleum costs the oil-producing state of Texas alone 25,000 jobs, \$3b. a year in personal incomes and \$100m. a year in tax revenue. That should cheer the Kremlin up.

### CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS

Monopolies get away with murder. Israel Television is a monopoly, and among the items it beams are long, saga-type series (like *Dallas*) which appear week after week.

Nothing wrong with that, except that the authorities keep selecting, out of all the long films available, those which happen to have already appeared, or are just appearing, on Jordan TV.

The Hashemite station is situated in a foreign country, but the images it flashes are happily not subject to

frontier control and appear with total clarity on Israeli screens nearby. Anybody in Jerusalem wanting to see *Tender is the Night* has already seen it and does not want to sit through it again. Is there really nothing else available?

Sports fascinate a minority of the viewing population and bore everybody else, yet are taking a bigger and bigger share of screen-time. Major basketball fixtures now supersede scheduled programmes, as though they were historic events that cannot be missed.

Being faced repeatedly on the box with this monotonous game, and knowing that the only alternative station is Amman, I find myself wondering when we are going to get this Second Channel that is so much talked about.

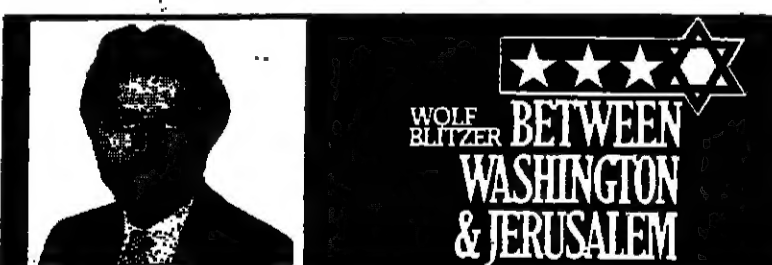
Yet another complaint: TV technicians will not allow shootings of local events by outside technicians. They sabotage programmes ordered by their own management, if those programmes were made in breach of their prerogative.

One would think that their arrogant bid for exclusivity might be justified at least in part by the high standard of their own work. Why, in that case, are the programmes they supply spoilt so often by buzzing noises, distortions on the screen and other impediments?

One more complaint and I have finished. Some time ago, an earth-shaking production on the Holocaust — called *Shoah* — hit the world's box-offices. Jewish organizations insist it be featured even in countries that are pilloried in the film and are therefore reluctant to show it. In one country alone it merits no screen-time: the Jewish State of Israel.

We are expected to content ourselves instead, I suppose, with those repeat versions (previously on Jordan TV) of — to cite the latest offerings — *Benson*, *Three's Company*, and this year's distribution of Oscars in Hollywood.

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## MARKET PLACE

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## Hurricane alert

The "city" of Tel Aviv, the country's financial headquarters, was swept by rumours of unprecedented intensity yesterday, that it was coming next Monday. There have been rumours before, but never of this strength: the well-placed and those who claim to be plugged in to what's going on, were sure that this time it's for real.

Timing is the only thing in which a measure of certainty about the upcoming Bejski Commission report into the October 1983 bank share crash is possible. It will be published either in the first days of next week - a very strong likelihood, with Monday as the leading candidate and Sunday a close second, or, in the week following the Pessah holiday.

As to the contents of the report, this reporter has yet to find someone serious who actually knows. All the tons of speculation and hearsay, are really no more than that. Some people may know some points in the report, but no-one but its authors is privy to its full scope.

That being the case, there can be no harm in indulging in some guesswork, so here goes:

**GUESS ONE:** There will be no survivors among the 16 warrens named last June. All will be found responsible for the sins of omission and commission for which they were warned.

The reason - to put the matter crudely, in any massacre there should be no survivors, because that only leads to questions being asked. A clean sweep is preferable.

If the commission lets some of the warrens off or gives any kind of differential treatment, it will have to enter into a complicated analysis of why X is less blameworthy than Y. Therefore, for simplicity's sake, it will go for all or nothing - in this case, all.

**GUESS TWO:** No criminal proceedings recommended. The removal of the 16 warrens - or those of them still in their positions - will alone cause a tremendous shock to the financial system, which can be absorbed by correctly presenting the issues involved.

This will serve to bolster confidence at home and abroad, and instead of the feared negative reaction, there will be a positive impact along the lines of the post-Watergate feeling that "the system has proved it can clean itself up without falling apart."

If, however, there is a recommendation that some of the issues be transferred to criminal investigations, the question-marks over the banking and other institutions involved could become overwhelming. The risk is not worth taking.

**GUESS THREE:** Legal and administrative, as well as purely personal recommendations will be made. In other words, the commission will suggest reforms and reorganizations of the laws and institutions involved in the bank share regulation, and will not simply discuss what various persons did and how they should be penalized.

The reason: if the commission has spent 15 months simply to rehash what the State Comptroller said in his report published December 31, 1984 - and what everyone knows anyway - then they have wasted their time. They must go to the extreme interpretation of their brief, to draw conclusions and make recommendations in as wide a field as possible.

**GUESS FOUR:** The government reaction to the report must be swift and decisive, both regarding the fate of the persons involved and a commitment to legislate the recommended changes.

Since the only politicians whose heads are on the block are Yoram Aridor and Yigael Hurvitz, the government will not be directly involved. True, Hurvitz is a minister-without-portfolio, but his presence is marginal and he could presumably be replaced without too much trouble. However, with this government's record, they are capable of claiming that since he has no ministerial portfolio, he can carry on.

Interestingly enough, the fact that the new finance minister has a strong legal background will be of great importance if the commission does recommend significant legal initiatives.

All the talk that the main tasks facing Moshe Nissim now are the budget and wage negotiations are obviously wrong; handling the Bejski hurricane will be his first big test in this office.

THE NEOT factory, at Kibbutz Neot Mordechai is producing a "natural" sandal which is constructed to adapt its shape to the sole of the foot. It is made of leather, and part of the finishing is done by hand.

## Doubling the tax of pensioners

A RIDDLE. Two workers retire. One, a senior bank official, gets \$150,000 in a lump sum from money that accumulated in his provident fund. The second, a shift supervisor in a factory, for whom his employer has set aside money in a monthly pension plan, gets NIS 1,000 per month. Which one do you think will pay taxes according to the government proposal for taxing pensions? If you are a young reader who still believes in all that "nonsense" about social justice and a just division of taxes, don't read any further.

According to the government proposal rejected by the Knesset on Wednesday, monthly pensions of over NIS 600 for a single person and NIS 700 for a couple would be taxed by 18 per cent, without regard to other sources of income; whether from capital or wages. In real terms, this would in effect double the tax paid by most retirees. But there would be no taxation of money deriving from a provident fund. Moreover, whoever had received money from a pension fund in part or in full, would not pay taxes on the amount received in cash. Thus most would be exempt from tax, since the remaining amount of monthly pension would be beneath the threshold proposed by the government.

There is thus a conflict between the government's talk of

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encouraging-savings-and-cutting-expenditures and reality. It is precisely the person who draws all his funds - and can spend it all and one day even wind up being a burden to the taxpayer - who is exempt from tax. The person who wants to assure his pension income until his death or for his spouse, so as not to become dependent upon society, must pay tax.

THE PROPOSAL to tax pensions is aimed at easing the process of collecting money from the elderly. Like all other categories of taxation imposed in recent years, this one is the easiest tax to collect. It is deducted at virtually the speed of light by the computer, without requiring the taxmen to grope in the shade of the grey or black economy.

A previous government proposal was also rejected, and also due to the Histadrut's opposition, that would have lumped together all income from any source - work, capital, old age allotment or pension. An exemption would have been given to the elderly of 35 per cent, up to a

ceiling of NIS 1,214; income above that would have been subject to the regular tax. But the pension funds - which were supposed to collect the tax - refused to accept the National Insurance Institute computer tapes that would enable the collection of pension tax, because the Treasury demanded they combine all NII allotments into the amount taxed.

The government's current proposal would greatly benefit regular army personnel, who retire on pension while they are still young, much more than the elderly. The original proposal would have combined all their sources of income for taxation purposes. The current proposal would tax only the pension component. Given that the military pensions are rather small, while the retirees usually receive the bulk of their benefits in cash and continue to work in civilian life, they certainly would not be harmed by the government's proposal.

The tax system does allow a 35 per cent exemption from a person's pension benefit and 25 per cent from provident fund benefits. But the measures, which are designed to prevent the taxation of pensions, would be cancelled by taxation. By doing so, the government intends to tax money on which the worker has already paid tax, when he or she received a monthly pay cheque.

## Faster telephones through contractors

By JUDY SIEGEL. Government regulations have been changed to allow building contractors to apply for telephone lines for residents en bloc instead of each resident being forced to struggle separately to get a phone installed.

The regulations were changed by Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein regarding all buildings for sale or rent, both residential and commercial (these with a minimum area of 1,000 square metres).

The contractor will now be able to

apply to Bezek for all the phone lines necessary in his building while it is still in the construction stage. At present, residents can start the application process only when the building is completed.

The contractors will not be permitted to make additional charges for this service. If adequate infrastructure for the lines is not available in the neighbourhood, Bezek will be allowed to charge the contractor a deposit towards the installation charge.

## Investments to create 500 jobs soon

By TSIPPI KUPER. A total of \$696 million worth of industrial investments were approved last year, but only a quarter of the projects were carried out, the Government Investment Centre reported to the Ministerial Committee on Unemployment this week.

Over 200 projects were approved during 1985, including new industries and the expansion of existing ones. They are expected to provide 8,600 jobs within the next few years. Almost two-thirds of the investments were approved for development towns. Some 500 industrial jobs will open up soon in 11 development towns, according to Trade and Industry Minister Director-General Yehoshua Forer.

**ELECTRONIC.** - President Reagan has notified Congress that he wants to sell China electronic equipment worth \$550 million to help the Chinese modernize their fleet of F-8 jets, the Pentagon said in Washington this week.

**El Al and Air France lose** PARIS (AFP). - Air France and El Al now account for less than half the volume on the Paris-Tel Aviv route, the rest is taken up by Pan Am and TWA.

## Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

## MARKET STATISTICS

**Indices:**  
General Share Index 111.78 -0.82%  
Non-Bank Index 128.85 -1.81%  
Arrangement 105.11 -0.43%  
Insurance 149.28 -1.49%  
Commerce, Services 140.50 -0.51%  
Real Estate 154.38 -2.27%  
Industries 119.53 -1.48%  
Textiles 143.15 -1.85%  
Metals 112.30 -0.79%  
Electronics 102.20 -0.37%  
Chemicals 121.73 -1.84%  
Industrial Invest. 109.63 -2.84%  
Investment Cos. 120.25 -4.25%  
General Bond Index 103.96 +0.12%  
Index-linked Bonds 104.10 +0.05%  
Fully-linked 106.83 +0.19%  
Partially-linked 102.93 +0.00%  
Dollar-linked Bonds 100.07 +0.07%  
Short-term 0-2 yrs 102.80 +0.00%  
Medium-term 2-5 yrs 103.45 +0.22%  
Long-term 5+ yrs 103.44 -0.14%

**Turnovers:**  
Shares - total NIS 7,351,300  
Arrangement NIS 2,159,950  
Non-bank NIS 5,191,500  
Bonds - total NIS 5,357,800  
Index-linked NIS 4,576,700  
Dollar-linked NIS 1,819,500  
Treasury Bills NIS 310,000

**Share Movements:**  
Advances of which 5%+ 87 (106)  
of which 1%+ 21 (13)  
Declines of which 5%+ 4 (4)  
of which 1%+ 203 (187)  
" Sellers only" -12 (6)  
Unchanged 96 (103)  
Trading Halt 52 (42)

**Bond Market Trends:**  
Index-linked 3% fully-linked Rise to 1%

4.25% fully-linked Mixed to 3%  
80% linked Stable/rises to 0.5%  
90% linked Stable  
Double-linked Slight rise/falls to 1%  
Dollar-linked: Slight falls  
Admon Mixed to 1%  
Rimon Falls to 1.5%  
Gilboa Mixed to 2%  
For. Curr. denominated Treasury Bills (monthly yield) 1.37% -1.50%

**Arrangement yields:**  
IDB ord. 12.18%  
Union 0.1 11.86%  
Discount A 11.74%  
Mizrahi 11.72%  
Hapoel 11.74%  
General A 11.74%  
Leumi stock 11.72%  
Fin. Trade 1 11.72%

## SELECTED PRICE QUOTATIONS

Name Price Volume %  
DOOMS change

**Commercial Banks**  
(not part of "arrangement")  
Mazda 1 1200 2458  
General non-arr. 25200 107 -1.4  
First Int'l 3490 571 -0.3  
FBI 2401 2301 -2.8

**Commercial Banks**  
(part of "arrangement")  
IDB 1 78800 428 +1.6  
Union 0.1 59800 100 -1.4  
Discount 102870 90 -0.8  
Mazda 33180 918 -  
Hapoel 54200 572 -  
General A 139500 2 -0.9  
Leumi 0.1 34580 2522 -  
Fin. Trade 48640 7 -2.7

**Mortgage Banks**  
Leumi Mort. r. 3950 300 -4.5  
Dev. Mort. 970 600 -4.0  
Mishkan r. 1974 194 -0.1  
Tefahot r. 11800 27 -  
Merav r. 4000 1129 +9.6

**Financial Institutions**  
Agric. C. 36000 -2.2  
Ind. Dev. DD no trading  
Call Lending 0.1 9400 26 -

**Insurance**  
Aranat 0.1 881 1973 -10.0  
Hasaneh r. 463 22915 -2.5  
Phoenix 0.1 1394 519 -  
Hemishmar 9850 17 -  
Menorah 1 7810 70 +1.1  
Sahar 1 4455 -  
Zion Hold. 1 18101 43 -3.0

**Trade & Services**  
Meir Ezra 4350 46 +2.8  
Supercol 2 4370 281 -1.4  
Dolex r. no trading  
Lighterage 9300 80 -  
Cold Storage no trading  
Dan Hotels 4008 88 -1.4  
Yarden Hotel 3098 230 -0.1  
Hilon 1 11822 s.o.l. -5.0  
Teem 1 1905 1208 +5.0

**Real Estate, Building and Agriculture**  
Azorim 4800 1088 -0.4  
Elion 400 4900 -1.2  
Africa Int. 0.1 33800 330 -3.7  
Denkner 3554 655 -10.0  
Prop. & Bldg. 2458 3363 -3.1  
Bayshore 0.1 3870 220 -10.0  
ILDC r. 41800 551 -2.8  
Reasco r. 5420 s.o.l. -5.0  
Mahadim 5750 282 -  
Hadarim 1051 1748 -5.5

**Industrials**  
Dubek 3300 550 -2.9  
Pri-Ze 1 2358 541 -3.0  
Sunfrost 7000 343 +1.4  
Elita 13400 66 -3.2  
Adiger 730 704 -1.4  
Argaman 180 183 -10.0  
Delta G 1 4295 179 -0.7  
Maquette 1 19410 24 -0.1  
Eagle 1 10990 123 -0.5  
Polgar 0.1 8500 107 -  
Schoellerline 12465 700 -10.0  
Rogovin 2830 850 -2.4  
Urdan 0.1 r. 8700 35 -2.8  
Is. Can. Co. 1 975 1348 -  
Zion Cables 2190 426 -  
Packer Steel no trading  
Elbit 3 415500 36 +1.2

Elron 386000  
Art 31800 318 -1.3  
Clal Electronics 2730 2737 -5.8  
Spectronik 1 1788 514 -5.0  
T.A.T. 1 3400 380 +8.3  
Adkstein 1 1563 332 +1.3  
Agan 5 17600 26 -  
Alliance 1200 150 -  
Dardar 3200 63 -1.5  
Furriers 4700 129 -  
Haifa Chem. no trading  
Teva r. 54735 194 -2.7  
Dead Sea r. 14450 1707 -3.0  
Petrochem. 461 11428 5.2  
Naca Chem. 345 10 +5.5  
Frutaron 13828 s.o.l. -5.0  
Hadera Paper 175900 46 -0.9  
Central Trade 5850 208 -2.5  
Koor p 5100000 -2.9  
Clal Ind. 1244 11625 -3.1

**Investment Companies**  
IDB Dev. r. 3515 2667 -6.0  
Elion 2550 753 -2.3  
Art 1 no trading  
Gafelot 1310 -  
Israel Corp. 1 5879 231 -5.8  
Wolffson 1 118500 375 1136 -10.0  
Hapoel Inv. 375 1136 -10.0  
Leumi Invest. 4000 328 -  
Discount Invest. 1950 9215 -6.6  
Mizrahi Invest. 19580 71 -10.0  
Clal 10 1818 -  
Landeco 0.1 7785 46 +1.0  
Pama 0.1 8470 22 -0.1

**Oil Exploration**  
Paz Oil Expl. 12800 51 -  
J.O.E.L. 1383 1226 -  
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## Israel Money Markets April 17, 1986

**SHEKEL INTEREST RATES**  
PRIME BORROWING RATE: 1.25% per month  
Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)

|             | LAST UPDATED | TAPAS  | PAKAM 7-DAY | PAKAM 30-DAY |
|-------------|--------------|--------|-------------|--------------|
| LEUMI       | 17.4         | 10-12% | 10-12%      | 12-14%       |
| HAPOALIM    | 13.3         | 10-12% | 11-12%      | 12-12.5%     |
| DISCOUNT    | 8.4          | 7-13%  | 7-13%       | 8-14%        |
| MIZRAHI     | 6.4          | 6-13%  | 6-14%       | 6-16%        |
| FIRST INT'L | 12.3         | 6-13%  | 7-13%       | 6-13%        |

Rates vary according to size of deposit.  
(Tapes: demand deposit paying daily interest.  
Pattern: fixed-term deposit available from 7 to 59 days.)

## PATAH - FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT RATES (as of April 17)

|     | 3-MONTHS | 6-MONTHS | 12-MONTHS |
|-----|----------|----------|-----------|
| USD | 8.250    | 8.875    | 8.250     |
| STG | 3.075    | 3.075    | 3.750     |
| DMK | 3.500    | 3.500    | 3.375     |
| YEN | 3.250    | 3.125    | 3.125     |

Rates vary according to size of deposit and are subject to change.

## SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

| COUNTRY       | CURRENCY  | CHEQUES AND TRANSACTIONS | 'BANKNOTES | BANK OF ISRAEL Representative Rates |
|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| U.S.A.        | DOLLAR    | 1.4654, 1.4846           | 1.44, 1.51 | 1.4755                              |
| GREAT BRITAIN | STERLING  | 2.2149, 2.2428           | 2.18, 2.28 | 2.2221                              |
| GERMANY       | MARK      | 0.6554, 0.6585           | 0.64, 0.67 | 0.6502                              |
| FRANCE        | FRANC     | 0.2059, 0.2084           | 0.20, 0.21 | 0.2073                              |
| HOLLAND       | GULDEN    | 0.8223, 0.8289           | 0.81, 0.83 | 0.8258                              |
| SWITZERLAND   | FRANC     | 0.7850, 0.7948           | 0.77, 0.81 | 0.7910                              |
| SWEDEN        | KRONA     | 0.2044, 0.2070           | 0.20, 0.21 | 0.2060                              |
| NORWAY        | KRONE     | 0.2072, 0.2098           | 0.20, 0.21 | 0.2083                              |
| DENMARK       | KRONE     | 0.1782, 0.1805           | 0.17, 0.18 | 0.1793                              |
| FINLAND       | MARK      | 0.2285, 0.2331           | 0.22, 0.23 | 0.2293                              |
| CANADA        | DOLLAR    | 1.0543, 1.0675           | 1.03, 1.08 | 1.0623                              |
| AUSTRALIA     | DOLLAR    | 1.0523, 1.0655           | 1.02, 1.09 | 1.0587                              |
| SOUTH AFRICA  | RAND      | 0.7385, 0.7428           | 0.44, 0.74 | 0.7380                              |
| BELEIAN FRANC | FRANC     | 0.3225, 0.3265           | 0.31, 0.33 | 0.3245                              |
| AUSTRIA       | SCHILLING | 0.9343, 0.9459           | 0.92, 0.96 | 0.9411                              |
| ITALY         | LIRE      | 0.9561, 0.9681           | 0.94, 1.00 | 0.9631                              |
| JAPAN         | YEN       | 0.8387, 0.8472           | 0.82, 0.86 | 0.8410                              |
| JORDAN        | DINAR     | —                        | 3.03, 4.21 | 4.0576                              |
| EGYPT         | POUND     | —                        | 0.79, 0.84 | 0.8189                              |

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## European Financial Markets

## Precious Metals

|                   |        |          |        |             |        |
|-------------------|--------|----------|--------|-------------|--------|
| <b>GOLD:</b>      | LONDON | A.M. FIX | 339.30 | P.M. FIX    | 339.90 |
| <b>SILVER:</b>    | PARIS  | NOON FIX | 341.52 | ZURICH P.M. | 340.00 |
| <b>PLATINUM:</b>  | LONDON | FIX      | 548.10 |             |        |
| <b>PALLADIUM:</b> | LONDON | P.M.     | 420.80 |             |        |
|                   |        |          | 108.00 |             |        |

## FOREIGN CURRENCY CROSS RATES (London 15.30GMT)

|                        | SPOT       | 3 MTHS    | 6 MTHS    | 12 MTHS   |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| DEUTSCHE MARK          | 2.2220/40  | 81/76     | 118/113   | 232/222   |
| POUND STERLING         | 1.5250/60  | 90/88     | 123/120   | 212/207   |
| SWISS FRANC            | 1.5640/60  | 83/78     | 117/112   | 240/230   |
| JAPANESE YEN           | 175.55/65  | 58/56     | 88/86     | 183/179   |
| FRENCH FRANC           | 7.1050/60  | 70/100    | 100/150   | 220/280   |
| ITALIAN LIRA           | 1532.75/75 | 1675/1625 | 2000/2200 | 4125/4400 |
| DUTCH GULDEN           | 2.5200/30  | 61/58     | 87/83     | 173/165   |
| BELEIAN FRANC          | 45.320/370 | 12/14     | 15/18     | 20/25     |
| DANISH KRONA           | 8.2125/75  | 50/100    | 100/150   | 125/225   |
| S.AFRICAN RAND         | 0.4880/00  | 36/31     | 48/43     | 80/70     |
| EUROPEAN CURRENCY UNIT | 0.9668/71  | 13/9      | 18/13     | 25/18     |
| FINNISH MARK           | 5.0640/80  | 400/440   | 580/640   | 1280/1360 |
| AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR      | 0.7157/74  | 122/118   | 173/168   | 317/311   |
| NEW ZEALAND DOLLAR     | 7.0850/50  | 79/910    | 1185/1205 | 2400/2440 |

Formula for determining forward rates:  
high/low (eg. 220/210) - deduct from spot price.  
low/high (eg. 210/220) - add to spot price.

## New York Financial Markets

## WALL STREET Closing Prices

| Dow Jones Indices | 1854.91 | +6.94 |
|-------------------|---------|-------|
| IND               | 877.86  | +4.88 |
| TRANS             | 152.50  | +1.28 |
| UTILS             | 152.50  | +1.28 |
| NYSE COMP         | 389.96  | +2.32 |
| NASD COMP         | 232.15  | +0.90 |
| S-P INDEX         | 243.03  | +0.81 |
| S-P COMPOSITE     | 273.72  | -0.21 |
| AMEX INDEX        |         |       |

Statistics  
NYSE VOL. 161,844,570 STOCKS UP 987 DOWN 705  
NASDAQ VOL. 148,891,200 STOCKS UP 1,398 DOWN 728

**Comment**  
WALL STREET STOCKS HIGHER IN AFTERNOON  
NEW YORK, April 17. - Stock prices headed higher in late trading after fluctuating narrowly most of the day. Investors focused on companies reporting higher earnings and advanced those in a profit slump. The Commerce Department said first quarter gross national product rose 3.2 per cent.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 6 points to 1857 after being down four at mid-session. Advances led declines by a nine-seven margin on volume of 144 million shares. ATT led the active, up 1/4 to 249 1/2. Digital Equipment, which had higher quarterly earnings, was up 3 1/2 to 177. Xerox, out with lower earnings, was off 3 1/2 to 62 1/2.

## ISRAELI STOCKS Traded in New York:

| NYSE and ASE | Last   | Prev. Close | High   | Low    | Vol ('00s) |
|--------------|--------|-------------|--------|--------|------------|
| Alliance     | 2 1/4  | 2 1/4       | 2 1/4  | 2 1/4  | 5          |
| Am Int'l Pap | 11 1/4 | 11 1/4      | 11 1/4 | 11 1/4 | 5          |
| Ampac        | 2 3/4  | 2 3/4       | 2 3/4  | 2 3/4  | 330        |
| Elscint      | 2 3/4  | 2 3/4       | 2 3/4  | 2 3/4  | 115        |
| Etz Lavud    | 13 1/4 | 13 3/4      | 13 3/4 | 13 1/4 | 15         |
| Laser Inds   | 15 1/4 | 15 1/4      | 15 1/4 | 15     | 189        |



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## With allies like that

"IF NECESSARY, we will do it again," was President Reagan's pledge to the American people in reporting to them on the U.S. military action against targets in Tripoli and Benghazi Tuesday morning.

The somewhat ambiguous language suggested that the president thought a repetition just might not be necessary. The chances are it will be because the response, both official and popular, outside Libya to the U.S. action was such as to bolster Gaddafi's will to strike back without restraint and without discretion.

The outside response that truly mattered was not that which came from the Arab states. It was largely tepid. Nor was it the response which emanated from Moscow. The Kremlin denounced the American air raid as barbaric and imperialistic, but settled for cancelling a summit-planning session between the Soviet foreign minister and his U.S. counterpart.

It was the response that came from the streets, parliaments and chancelleries of Western Europe, that truly mattered.

That there should be criticism within the European community of the U.S. action was not surprising: free speech is, after all, a hallmark of the Free World, and alliance with America does not require automatic assent for every twist and turn of its foreign policy. Mr. Reagan could easily be faulted for a protracted lack of clarity on the proper way of dealing with the menace of Libya's state-sponsored terrorism, as well as for a somewhat cavalier and selective definition of the very concept of terrorism.

But what prompted Europeans, with the almost sole exception of Margaret Thatcher, to - in effect - side with Gaddafi against Reagan, was not any conceptual difference of opinion but the dread of provoking terrorist retaliation.

To cover up their supine surrender to the inevitability of terrorism, the Europeans devised a plethora of irrelevant excuses, dressed up as rational argument, for their self-induced helplessness.

The U.S. should have provided better documentation for its charge that the explosion at the West Berlin disco had been the work of Libyan agents. It should have gone with that documentation first to the Security Council. It should have tried harder to concert with the community an economic and diplomatic quarantine of Libya. It should have taken the sting out of Gaddafi's terrorism by forcing Israel to grant the Palestinians a homeland of their own. It should not have copied Israeli tactics of counter-terror warfare which trigger a cycle of escalating violence. It should have realized that terrorism cannot be eradicated by violent means.

Behind that argumentation there was more than a little old-fashioned anti-Americanism. The British bulldog, Liberal leader David Steel bellowed yesterday, had been turned into America's poodle. Mr. Steel would apparently be less scandalized by the bulldog rolling over for Gaddafi.

There was, in the European response, more than a touch of old-style appeasement, Munich-style. Admittedly, the charge of appeasement has been hurled during the past half century in many wrong directions. But it is a fact that, back in 1938, it was not the barbaric Germans, bent on world domination, who were held by the appeasers to pose a threat to humanity, but the Czechs, for failing to grant the Nazi-led Sudetenland the right of self-determination.

With allies like the Europeans, the American people may well come to feel that they are not in dire need of enemies. The U.S. won't turn its back on Europe, but a reassessment of its policy to those who turn their backs on it, when the going gets a little rough, seems likely.

## REAGAN

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conclusions about discussion in the Gaddafi ranks."

In Congress, a group of Republicans including Senate Majority leader Bob Dole, yesterday introduced sweeping new legislation to give a president unrestrained powers to use force against "terrorists" anywhere in the world.

But because of its controversial nature, the bill was unlikely to win approval without major changes, congressional legal analysts said.

The diplomatic fallout from the U.S. attack continued in Europe yesterday, as European Community foreign ministers met in Paris and pledged to try to prevent additional violence in the U.S.-Libya dispute and made a fresh call for restraint by all parties. (Related stories - page 3)

Diplomats said the ministries avoided taking anti-American positions that could add to the tension, though some member states remained bitter about the U.S. raids, which they felt made European cities more vulnerable to Libyan revenge attacks.

In London, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher again faced harsh criticism in Parliament for her support of the U.S. bombing.

In stormy exchanges, opponents claimed her government was stained with the blood of the three kidnapped Britons whose bodies were found in Lebanon earlier yesterday.

Thatcher responded: "If you let the threat of further terrorism pre-

vent you from fighting against it, then the terrorist has won."

The Soviet Foreign Ministry summoned the heads of all foreign missions in Moscow and asserted Soviet rights to passage in international waters and airspace around Libya, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

There was no indication whether this was a prelude to major Soviet maneuvers or an increased Soviet naval presence in the Mediterranean, the sources said.

However, the assertion of the right of passage coincided with the publication of a letter from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to Gaddafi promising that Moscow would keep commitments to strengthen Libyan defenses.

U.S. officials in Washington said yesterday that the attack on Libya had provoked a furious public reaction in the Middle East. But they said they believed there would be no long-term effects on U.S.-Arab relations.

Analysts said that Libyan calls for Arab economic action against the U.S. seemed to have fallen on deaf ears and that the oil weapon, used with great effect in the 70s, had been neutralized by plunging oil prices.

Secretary of State George Shultz summed up the administration view when he told journalists that public expressions of support for Gaddafi by Arab leaders were to be expected.

But he added: "What they say privately is rather different."

# Watch out for more collapses

PINHAS LANDAU

ONE CAN only come to bury him, not to praise him. The evil that he did will live on after his departure from the Treasury. The good has probably already - as so oft - been interred with his ministry. Shimon Peres bawled said he could not be worked with. If it were so it were a grievous fault, and grievously hath Modia answered for it.

One cannot disprove what Peres spoke, but one can point out a few things that are now general knowledge.

When the National Unity government was formed, in September 1984, the expectation that drastic measures would follow immediately was universally held. The people were waiting for "cassidy," as the popular slang put it.

The government was sworn in Thursday the 13th, and on Saturday night, the evening before the first cabinet session of the new administration, Modia presented Peres an outline of the decisions he wanted taken the next day. Peres heard the suggestions and rejected them out of hand. They were, he felt, unpalatable; he intended to adopt a strategy of consensus politics, of reaching agreement with the Histadrut and Manufacturers' Association, and not one of unilateral government edicts.

What followed was the period of package deals, in which nine precious months were wasted and the economic situation seriously worsened. Only in the early summer, after Yisrael Kessar wrapped up his victory in the Histadrut elections, was Peres persuaded that there were no more soft options and that the hard line was the only one left. Thus was born the emergency economic plan of July 1985.

But the plan that emerged from the 20-hour cabinet session of June 30-July 1 was still only a watered-down version of the one drawn up by the team of experts led by Michael Bruno. Most of the cuts in government spending it envisaged were themselves cut out and replaced by higher taxation. The onus of making the plan succeed was shifted, for the crucial opening months, from the budget to monetary policy or, in plain language, from the government to business.

Even then - and this has now been forgotten completely - the idea was that after three months the pressure would be eased off, and stage two would be introduced. Nobody ever said openly what stage two was, but Modia's recent statements have confirmed the assumption that the

object of the exercise was not merely to eliminate inflation, but to change the face of the economy by dismantling the linkage system that has distorted all activity and to promote growth by sweeping reforms, primarily in the capital markets and the tax system.

What happened was something completely different. Peres and the Labour Party did indeed "deliver" the Histadrut, by withdrawing the threatened use of emergency decrees. Stability therefore emerged on several fronts simultaneously. Wages were cut sharply and only allowed to recover gradually, prices were effectively controlled and the exchange rate stayed fixed. Stability fed on itself until, after a time, it became the end and not the means.

The programme, now dubbed on all sides a success, was successively extended through the end of the year, to March, then to June and now, perhaps, until the end of 1986. The mooted reforms were similarly put off.

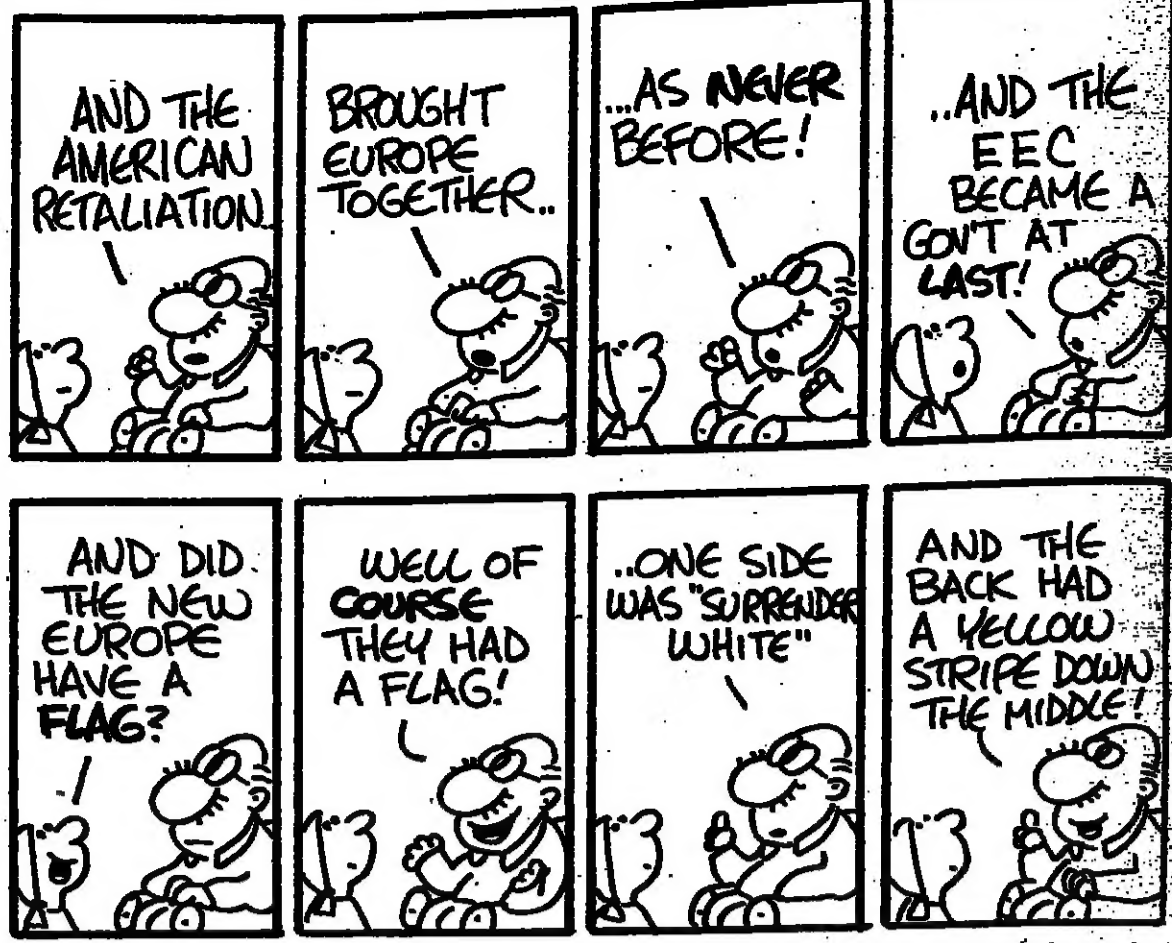
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But the very real achievements in the fields of inflation, the balance of payments and even the wage level owed a great deal to events that were quite unforeseen by the planners and that were, in fact, beyond their control. These were first the fall in the dollar, and then the collapse in the price of oil.

However, the stage two that finally emerged, in February and March this year, bore no relationship to the radical reshaping of the economy envisioned by Modia and his Treasury team. Its emphasis on saving financially-troubled sectors, even if started up by the Labour Party as "growth" and sold on that basis, was doubly wrong to Modia's economist, as well as being wrong on another count to Modia's Likud politician. Here is where "sectoral interests" came in.

In terms of economic growth, channelling the resources provided by cheaper oil prices and U.S. aid to

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the weakest rather than the strongest sectors, makes no sense at all. Furthermore, giving assistance to some will only invite demands for similar treatment from others. Of course, on a political basis, Modia was only too pleased to see Labour embarrassed by the weakness of major segments of its economic empire.

Since, however, he lost the political battle, he forfeited the economic one as well, whatever its merits. His demise proved again, as his whole period in office had shown, that being right was not enough. Only when Peres threw his weight behind his policies, or at least some of them, did he get anything done.

### Part Two: Nissim

THE NEW finance minister cannot, by definition almost, fail in his post. He has been universally written off before he even begins, and therefore little is expected of him.

To make matters worse, he has had his pitch cheered before he starts playing. The budget has already been busted and other elements of stability undermined by the new policies of low interest rates, and the prospect of help for all needy sectors.

His major asset, in terms of inheritance, is a first-class team of senior officials in the Treasury itself. If any of these people get fed up and start leaving, that will be a very bad sign indeed. In the meantime, he can be ably assisted by them.

His other potential strength is that - if there is any kind of functioning government at all, which remains to be seen - the Labour Party cannot be seen to give the "pliable", "easy-going" Nissim the same treatment they meted out to Modia. Nissim's supposed weakness, his unorthodox nature, is therefore his greatest source of power. If he does know what he wants, he could get some of it by adopting the line that "I didn't want this lousy job anyway, and if you won't let me work I'll throw in the towel and you (the Labour Party) will take the blame."

But does he know what he wants? That, too, remains very much to be seen. Certainly the much-ballyhooed fact that he has no background in economics is nothing to build any theories on. He is as well acquainted with Israeli life as any man - maybe better than most of his colleagues since he, unlike them, has not spent his time as a minister on official trips all over the world. His education certainly extends as far as the most basic law of economic activity, and the one most widely ignored in Israel, which is to be found very early in Genesis: "By the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread."

Part Three: The rest of us  
FINANCE MINISTERS come and go, switching from one job to another. For the ordinary citizen, so

cynically disregarded by his "leaders" in their jostling for power, life has to go on, from one crisis to another and even during and after each one.

From a wider perspective, it should be clear that we are now about halfway through the very fundamental process of economic and social change that began in October 1983. We could, of course, have been finished with the nasty part of retrenching, firing, bankrupting, and so on, some time ago. But successive bunches of timid politicians in successive governments have endeavored to save themselves from the day when they have to reduce their own power, and in consequence the period of transition drags on, seemingly endlessly.

Yet the very fact that so much attention is being paid to the background qualifications of suggested finance ministers and even prime ministers is just one symptom of the changes that have taken place. That so much lip-service is paid to the concepts of cutting government spending and reducing its dominance in the economy - although in practice the exact opposite is happening - is also a pointer to the direction things are headed.

But the 30 months of distress since the bank share collapse of October 1983, which finally ended the years of illusion, have brought only the most grudging acceptance of reality. The business sector, by nature more realistic and having a more capable

and effective leadership than the nation as a whole, has led the way in this painful trek toward a better future. Despite the numerous obstacles placed in its path by an inimical government, it is well advanced in its restructuring. The fact that the mollycoddled Israeli public has been educated to understand that bankruptcies are a necessary mechanism for achieving this goal doesn't detract from the fact that it is so. The lame ducks who are artificially maintained in their misery will simply hold back the rationalization of their sectors, until they are either cut down to size or allowed to go bust.

But we are now in another "holding" period, within the overall span of the transition years. The false boom, based on phony "growth", and financed in the wrong way for the wrong reasons seeking the wrong ends, will have to be endured until some new shock, probably external, sweeps it away. Then the realignment of the economy, and of society as a whole, will recommence, and another stage of shake-out will follow. There are plenty of candidates for the next round of collapses, as every banker in the country knows but won't say. Local government is going to have its turn sooner or later, and eventually the central government itself will be forced to undergo the same treatment that almost every individual and firm is sweating through. It may take the rest of the decade, but the chances are getting better that we'll get there in the end.

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## READERS' LETTERS

### NO COMMON CRIMINAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - "More than 40 years have elapsed since his crimes were committed. Neither the courtroom proceedings nor his execution will bring a single one of his victims back to life." So writes David Krivine about Demjanjuk's trial. Why then the Nuremberg trials? Does a trial, even one moment after a victim's death, bring him back to life? Of course not.

Trials are to serve justice, and in the case of the Holocaust, to prevent those atrocities happening again or being forgotten. Mr. Krivine speaks of good gentiles who need not be reminded and bad gentiles who do not care. What about the ignorant gentiles who do not know and read volumes of books claiming those atrocities never happened?

Yes, even now, 40 years later, we must tell and retell of the suffering, persecution and unjust prosecution of our people, as we retell our story of Tishbe' Av, Hanukka, Purim and soon, Pessah. KAY KAUFMAN Forest Hills, N.Y.

### ORTHODOX ALIYA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - We enjoyed reading Moshe Kohn's important story (April 4) about the conference of aliya activists that decided to found an autonomous federation of *magshirim*.

However, we would like to correct one paragraph about the representation of Orthodox organizations in the conference. It is true that 51 men and women (more than 25 per cent of the delegates at the conference) represented religious organizations, like Bnei Akiva, Tehilla, Ezra, NCSY, Noam, Yavne, etc. In addition, there were another 15 religious delegates who represented religiously neutral movements like Wujis, Telem, Tagar, Aadi, Hitadut Olei Britannia, etc.

Since there is a general consensus today that much more than 50 per cent of olim are Orthodox, even that representation does not properly reflect the Orthodox factor in the general aliya movement.

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